The Mapleton Item.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

On and after Dec. 18th, 1892, trains will depart from Mapleton (eastern standadr time) as follows:

GOING WEST.

For Huntingdon, every day, 5.50, 11.48, a. m., and 8.32 p. m.

For Tyrone, Altoona and Pittsburg, every day, 5.50, 11.48 a. m., and 8.32 p. m.

Trains leave Altoona for Pittsburg, 1.15 (Columbian Ex.), 2.20, 4.10, 8.05 a. m., 1.55, 3.45, 6.20 (limited), 8 .10 and 11.45 p. m., every day.

Trains leave Huntingdon for Bedford, Cumberland and way stations, 8.35 a. m., and 6.35 p. m., week days.

Trains leave Tyrone for Curwensville and points on Tyrone and Clearfield branch, 8.20 a. m. and 3.15 and 7.30 p. m., week days.

Leave Tyrone for Lock Haven and points on Bald Eagle branch and the P. and E. R. R., 8.10 a. m., 3.10 and 7.25 p. m., week days.

Connection is made at (Union Station) Pittsburg for all points West, Northwest and Southwest.

GOING EAST.

Leave Mapleton for Lewistown Junc., 8.47 12.12, a. m., 3.38 and 7.35, p. m., every day.

For Mifflin, 8.47 12.12 a. m., 3.38 and 7.35, p. m., every day.

For Harisburg, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimorer and Washington, 8.47, 12.12 a. m. 3.38, 7.35 p. m., every day.

Trains leave Lewistown Junction for Sunbury and points on the P. and E. R. R. and N. C. Ry. at 7.40 a. m., 3.00 p. m., week days.

Connection is made at Harrisburg for stations North and South on N. C. Ry.

Mail Express east leaves Altoona at 5:50 p. m., daily, Tyrone, 6:20; Birmingham, 6.25, Spruce Creek, 6:35; Petersburg, 6:47; Huntingdon, 7:00; Mapleton, 7:15; Mount Union, 7:21; Harrisburg, 10:15 and arrives at Philadelphia at 4:25 a. m.

Fast Line leaves Philadelphia daily at 11:40 a. m., Mount Union 6:10 p. m.; Huntingdon, 6:30; Altoona, 7:50 and arrives at Pittsburg at 11:55 p. m.

Day Express east leaves Pittsburg at 8:00 a. m., daily, Altoona, 11:50 a. m., Huntingdon, 12:48 p. m., Mount Union, 1:08; Harrisburg, 3:20, and arrives at Philadelphia at 6:50 p. m.

Philadelphia Express east leaves daily, Pittsburg at 4:30 p. m., Altoona, 9:05; Huntingdon 10:12; Harrisburg, 1:00 a. m., and arrives at Philadelphia at 4:25 a. m.

Fast Line east leaves Pittsburg at 6 10 p. m., daily, Altoona, 12:01 a. m., Huntingdon, 12:58; Harrisburg, 3:30, and arrives at Philadelphia at 6:50 a. m.

Mail train west leaves Philadelphia daily at 7:00 a. m., Harrisburg, 11:20; Mount Union, 1:56 p. m., Huntingdon, 2:17; Altoona, 3:40, and arrives at Pittsburg at 8:10 p. m.

For further information consult Time Table or address Thomas E. Watt, . A. W. D., 110 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

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EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

To take effect at 6:00 a. m., on Wednesday, July 29, 1891.

NORTH.			STATIONS.	SOUTH.		
Mail, No. 5.	Mixed, No. 3.	Mixed, No. 1.		Mail, No. 2.	Mail, No. 4.	Mixed, No. 6
p. m.	a, m	am.		a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
12 50	9 15	6 00	Robertsdale	8 09	11 56	2 40
1 03	9 26	6 13	Cook's	7 57	11 43	2 29
1 17	9 39	6 27	Cole's	7 43	11 29	2 16
1 46	10 09	6 57	Saltillo	7 13	10 54	1 36
1 54	10 16	7 05	Three Springs	6 55	10 45	1 29
2 07	10 29	7 20	*Beersville	6 42	10 19	1 16
		7 35 am.	Rockhill	6 30a 6 56p		
2 22	10 42	7 56			9 56	12 56
2 47	10 58	7 55	Shirley	6 40	9 38	12 40
2 56	11 06	8 05	*Augh. Mills	6 33	9 30	12 33
3 15	11 20	8 25	Mount Union	6 20	9 15	12 20

Mixed, No. 7, leaves Robertsdale at 4.00, P. M., Cook's, 4.12, Cole's, 4.25, Saltillo, 4.50, Three Springs, 4.58, Beersville, 5.11, Rockhill, 5.24, Shirley, 5.40, Aughwick, 5.47; arrive Mt. Union, 6.00, P. M.

Mail, No. 8, leaves Mt. Union, 4.00, P. M., Aughwick, 4.15, Shirley, 4.23, Rockhill, 4.42, Beersville, 5.01, Three Springs, 5.23, Saltillo, 5.33, Cole's, 6.08, Cook's, 6.22; arrive Robertsdale, 6:35, P. M.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST.		STATIONS.	EAST	
No. 12	No. 10		No. 9	No. 13
p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.
6 36	9 35	L Rockhill A	6 30	4 50
6 29	9 28	*Blacklog	6 37	4 57
6 21	9 20	*Cedar Rock	5 45	5 05
6 17	9 16	*Locke Vall'y	6 49	5 15
6 11	9 10	*Shade Gap	6 55	5 07
5 59	8 53	Stair	7 07	5 27
5 50	8 44	A Goshorn L	7 16	5 36

* Flag stations.

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M. E. CONFERENCE.

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church met in Bellefonte last Wednesday.

The bishop not having arrived, Rev. M. K. Foster was elected chairman. Rev. Gideon H. Day conducted the devotional services. Mr. Foster read a scriptural lesson from Roman XII, and then very gracefully asked the conference to relieve him as chairman and elect Dr. Hamlin, who would have been elected had he been present. Dr. Hamlin took the chair and devotional services were prolonged until the arrival of the bishop at 9.40.

On taking the chair the bishop addressed some words of greeting to the conference and led in a fervent prayer.

Rev. D. S. Monroe was elected secretary, who chose as his assistants Rev. T. S. Wilcox, W. A. Carver, and J. F. Anderson. Rev. C. V. Hartzell was elected statistical secretary, but asking to be relieved, Rev. J. B. Brenneman was chosen in his stead. Rev. M. P. Crosthwaite was chosen conference treasurer.

The organization having been completed, the standing committees were announced.

The examination of ministerial character next engaged the attention of the conference. The presiding elders were the first to pass under review, nothing being lodged against them.

Dr. Hamlin was then called upon to represent the Altoona district, which he did in a very elaborate report.

The ministers under his charge all passed without complaint, each reporting his missionary collection.

Rev. M. K. Foster, presiding elder of the Williamsport district, presented a very gratifying report of his district.

Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, as usual, has enjoyed a year of prosperity.

Bishop Warren then introduced Dr. George E. Reed, president of Dickinson college, who addressed the conference.

Bishop Warren then introduced Rev. J. W. Hamilton, corresponding secretary of the Freedmen's Aid society.

The names of the committee on Sabbath observance were announced as follows: Rev. H. N. Minnigh, Richard Mallalieu, J. Z. Lloyd, P. P. Strawinski, James Hunter. The announcements were made and the first session closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop Warren.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the anniversary of the Women's Home Missionary society was held presided over by Mrs. Dr. Reed, of Carlisle. Other addressed were delivered by Mrs. A. W. Black and Mrs. T. L. Tompkinson.

The conference treasurer, Mrs. Black, read her report for the year.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7 o'clock the meeting was in the interest of the Freedmen's Aid society. Addresses were delivered by Revs. G. W. Stevens and J. W. Hamilton, the corresponding secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The devotional services of the second day's session of the Central Pennsylvania conference, Methodist Episcopal church, were in charge of Rev. E. H. Yocum, D. D., of Carlisle. At 9 o'clock Bishop Warren took the chair and directed the secretary to read the minutes. The statistical secretary was requested to call the names of charges not as yet presenting reports. Rev. E. J. Gray offered a resolution to confine the representatives of the connectional societies of the church to ten minutes in their addresses to the conference, which prevailed.

The following paper was adopted:

WHEREAS, One of our missionaries, Rev. J. H. Nelson, is imprisoned in Para, Brazil, because of his religious convictions and adherence to duty, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers and two laymen be appointed to suggest such action as should be taken by this conference. Signed: D. S. Monroe, R. Hinkle, J. M. Lantz, J. S. Boyer, M. K. Foster, T. S. Wilcox, W. A. Carver.

The thirteenth question was resumed and the examination of ministers taken up. Rev. W. W. Evans, presiding elder of the Harrisburg district, read his report, showing advance on every line of work.

The summing up showed $49,615 expended in the payment of debts, building and improving churches. The number of souls saved aggregate about 1,000.

On motion of Dr. Monroe the order of the day was taken up, and Rev. F. B. Riddle preached the quarter centennial sermon, founding his discourse on Isaiah xxvii, 33.

Dr. Breckenridge of the Brooklyn hospital, made an address of the work being done there. He reported that a crib is now being supported by two ladies living within bounds of this conference. Another lady living in this conference territory sent $1,000 for the support of the hospital work. Another lady living in Hazleton has for three years been sending us $365 for the support of one bed for the year and will doubtless forward her check for the present year.

Dr. Sanford represented the *Methodist Review*, acting as substitute for Dr. W. V. Kelley, who recently was elected to the editorial chair made vacant by the death of the late Dr. Mendenhall. Rev. J. R. Dunkerly was appointed to canvass the conference for subscribers.

Dr. McLaughlin, secretary of the Seamen's Aid society, was introduced and briefly addressed the conference in the interest of the seamen.

Bishop Warren announced the following committee on the imprisonment of Brother Nelson: Revs. W. W. Evans, W. A. Stephens, L. M. Smyser, Dr. H. J. Evans, of Altoona, H. M. Jackson, of Berwick.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Benediction by Bishop Warren.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference resumed business at 2 o'clock with Bishop Warren in the chair. Rev. A. E. Taylor conducted the devotional exercises. The afternoon session was called to observe the quarter centennial of the conference, twenty-five years having elapsed since the organization.

Rev. W. A. Stevens, of Shamokin, read a five-minute speech, setting forth the growth of the church in the Danville district.

Rev. W. C. Hesser responded for the Harrisburg district.

Rev. J. B. Polsgrove read an interesting paper on the growth in the Juniata district.

Rev. J. E. Bell read an account of the Williamsport district.

Rev. R. H. Gilbert, alternate for Rev. H. R. Bender, represented the Altoona district.

Reference was made to the sainted dead who have gone up higher from the ministry. The loss of our probationers was deplored, and it was asked, "what becomes of our probationers?"

Bishop Warren called attention to the great army of laymen that "go up higher," also, "and this, he said, "answers in part what becomes of our probationers."

Rev. H. C. Whitney read a paper showing the growth of Dickinson college in the last one hundred or more years.

Rev. B. C. Conner represented the Conference Historical Society in a brief speech, in which he called upon all to give more careful attention to a careful preservation of all records of the church.

Rev. M. L. Smyser represented the Conference Sustentation society.

Rev. E. J. Gray, president of Dickinson seminary, represented that institution. Nearly $30,000 have been expended in reconstructing the buildings and improving the internal arrangements. The seminary has maintained itself and has given in discounts to ministers' children over $38,000. The literary standing of the seminary was referred to in terms most complimentary.

Rev. S. C. Swallow represented the conference book room at Harrisburg.

Bishop Warren took the platform and referred to the progress of the church at large in the last twenty-five years.

The meeting in the evening was in the interest of the Epworth league, when a half dozen short addresses were delivered.

FRIDAY MORNING.

In compliance with a resolution adopted yesterday at 8.30, Bishop Warren delivered a lecture on the English Bible.

The business of the session began with the reading of the minutes.

The following offered by D. H. Shields was adopted:

Resolved, That a society which aims to aid [illegible] place under a deserving and important class [illegible] men as those who go down to the sea in [illegible]s and do business in great waters should have the support and sympathy of the Christian public, we most cordially commend the Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend society to our members and congregations. W. W. Evans, E. H. Yocum, D. H. Shields, B. B. Hamlin, T. S. Wilcox.

The thirteenth question was resumed and the character of the preachers of the Harrisburg district all passed without complaint.

Presiding Elder J. Max Lantz reported for the Juniata district 1,732 conversions and 800 accessions to the church. Five thousand dollars were collected for the missions, while the total sum collected for all purposes were nearly $80,000.

Rev. John Donohue, presiding elder of Danville district, made his report which showed the past year to have been one of great prosperity all through his district.

Rev. Mr. Bowden retired from the effective ranks, and his name was added to the list of superannuated preachers.

Rev. Dr. Rittenhouse, of the Philadelphia hospital; Rev. Richard Norris, of the Baltimore conference; Rev. Mr. Gill, of New England conference, now of State College; Rev. Mr. Croswaite, of Nebraska; Rev. Dr. Morrow, of the Philadelphia Bible society; Rev. Mr. Hurlburt, of the Tract society; Rev. Mr. Elliott, of the Presbyterian church; Rev. Dr. Palmer, of New York, were introduced to the conference.

Rev. Mr. Noll, of the Reformed church of Bellefonte, was also introduced.

Dr. A. A. Rittenhouse, representative of the Philadelphia hospital, addressed the conference on the work of that institution. Central Pennsylvania conference has done more for the hospital this year than all the neighbor conferences. Patients from this conference received 453 days of treatment, of which 389 were free.

The receipts from the conference were as follows: Itinerants memorial, $1,274.28; Jackson memorial, $5000; collection and contributions, $385.17.

Rev. J. B. Hamliton, who is interested in the care of the worn out preachers, spoke a word in defense of the veterans.

Rev. James Morrow represented the Pennsylvania Bible society and made an eloquent plea for more funds to carry on the work the society is trying to accomplish.

The following paper was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with great pleasure the representation of Dr. Rittenhouse, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal hospital, at Philadelphia, of the good work being done at that institution and the liberal gift from within the bounds of this conference to the endownment of a bed and to the current expense fund and we hereby pledge ourselves to do our utmost to further the interest of that institution during the coming year. M. L. Smyser, W. W. Evans, B. B. Hamlin, E. T. Swartz, J. B. Mann.

Dr. G. W. Gray, of the American university, of Washington, spoke briefly of the prospects of that contemplated movement. He said that nine millions of dollars represents the contributions now realized for the enterprise.

The following committe was appointed to consider a plan for the support of worn out preachers: H. C. Pardoe, B. C. Connor, J. B. Pollsgrove.

The twenty-second question was taken up and the supernumerary ministers passed under review.

The following is the revised list: W. E. Hoch, J. H. S. Clarke, C. W. Marshall, J. W. Leckie, C. W. Burnley,, J. R. Akers, L. A. Ruddill, J. A. Woodcock, L. G. Heck, L. S. Crone, A. Z. Lloyd, J. C. Clarke, I. H. Torrence, A. W. Gibson, G. B. Ague, A. D. McClosky, J. J. Pearce, T. H. Tubbs, H. S. Mendenhall, G. W. Dunlap, M. L. Smith, John Vrooman, B. F. Stevens, M. P. Crosthwaite, B. P. King, H. A. Curran and S. P. Boone.

The relations of Revs. W. H. Nocrosses, J. H. McCord, R. H. Wharton and Elisha Shoemaker was changed from supernumerary to effective.

The following is the revised list of superannuated members: Thomas Taneyhill, George Berkstresser, William Schriber, J. P. Bobb, Thomas Greenly, T. E. Kelly, John Stine, J. Y. Bothrock, G. H. Day, Thomas Mitchell, W. H. Stevens, T. A. Elliott, D. B. McClosky and J. W. Olewine.

The third question was taken up and the class admitted on probation last year were all continued on probation another year.

The list is as follows: Henry K.

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SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR MARCH 26.

Lesson Text: Quarterly Review—Isa. xl., iv., 9-20—Commentary.

LESSON I.—Home from Babylon (Ez. i., 1-11). Golden text (Deut. xxx., 3), "The Lord thy God will turn thy captivity, and and have compassion upon thee." The gifts and calling of God are without repentance (Rom. xi., 29); whatsoever He purposes shall in due time be accomplished, and everything shall come to pass exactly as He says (Isa. xiv., 24; Ps. xxxiii., 11). He doeth according to His will in heaven and on earth, and finds willing servants, both among men and angels (Dan. iv., 35). The rebuilding of the temple is suggestive of the temple now being built, the church of God (Eph. ii., 19-22).

LESSON II.—The Temple Begun (Ez. iii., 1-13). Golden text (Ez. iii., 11), "They praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid." Remember the key to the book of Ezra is "The house of the Lord," a phrase used fifty times in the book. The thoughts of this lesson cluster around the work, and the workmen, and the offerings, and the willing hearts. Jesus delighting to do the Father's will and always about His Father's business (Ps. xl., 8; John viii., 29) is our pattern in all our daily life.

LESSON III.—Encouragements (Hag. ii., 1-9). Golden text (Ps. cxxvii., 1), "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." Read the four books of Haggai, Zechariah, Ezra and Nehemiah. Those who are used of God must be strong and of good courage—strong to do—and this will come only by a knowledge of God (Josh i., 7, 9; Dan. xi., 32). Israel, like the ten spies, saw the discouragements, but we must be like Caleb and Joshua, and see only God and make His business the first concern of our lives. When we put our affairs first, all will come to naught.

LESSON IV.—Joshua, the High Priest (Zech. iii., 1-10). Golden text (Heb. iv., 14), "We have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God." One of satan's ways of discouraging people is to point them to their sinfulness and tell them that God cannot use such unworthy ones as they are. It is all too true that we are sinful and unworthy, but Jesus, our High Priest, is our righteousness (II Cor. v., 21) and our comeliness (Ezek. xvi., 14,) and having accepted Him He stands for us against all accusers, and will use just such as we are as vessels through which He will accomplish His pleasure (Phil. ii., 13; Heb. xiii., 20, 21).

LESSON V.—The Spirit of the Lord (Zech. iv., 1-10). Golden text (Zech. iv., 6,) "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." No work of God can be done by human wisdom. Moses had no say whatever in the design of the tabernacle, nor had David or Solomon in the temple; the former was to be made according to the pattern shown him in the mount, and the latter was given to David by the Spirit of the Lord (Ex. xxv., 40; I Chron. xxviii., 19).

LESSON VI.—Dedicating the Temple (Ez. vi., 14-22). Golden text (Ps. cxxii., 1), "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Haggai and Zechariah, the Lord's messengers, being strengthened themselves by the words and visions of the Lord, so encouraged the people that the building was finished, and with great joy dedicated unto the Lord.

LESSON VII.—Nehemiah's Prayer (Neh. i., 1-11). Golden text (Ps. xxx., 10), "Lord, be Thou my helper." Nehemiah, in the king's palace at Babylon, hears of the desolation of the Holy City, the wall broken down and the people in great affliction and reproach, and he is so affected that he weeps and mourns and fasts and prays for several days. Identifying himself with his people, he confesses their sins and reminds Jehovah of His promises. The result was that the Lord inclined the king to let Nehemiah go to Jerusalem with authority to rebuild the walls of the city.

LESSON VIII.—Rebuilding the Wall (Neh. iv., 9-21). Golden text (Neh. iv., 9), "We made our prayer unto our God and set a watch against them." Both men and women of all occupations were ready and joined Nehemiah in the work of building the wall, for the people had a mind to work (Neh. iv., 6). But when anything is really being done in the Lord's name the adversary becomes very active, and the opposition at this time was something tremendous, both as to wiles and persistence. Let us consider well Nehemiah's strength and be strong in the Lord.

LESSON IX.—Reading the Law (Neh. vii., 1-12). Golden text (Ps. cxix., 18), "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." The temple and the walls may be built, but they may be thrown down again. There is just one thing on earth that can never pass away. "The Word of our God shall stand forever" (Isa. xl., 8). We are to read it, and believe it, and thus understand it, and then do it, for "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John ii., 17).

LESSON X.—Keeping the Sabbath (Neh. xiii., 15-22). Golden text (Ex. xx., 8), "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." One-seventh of our time and one-tenth of our money should be cheerfully given wholly up to God for His service as the very least we can offer on those two lines. If we are redeemed, then we are all His, all time, money, talents, everything; but it is best to make Him sure of the seventh and tenth to begin with. Let us as individuals see that we conscientiously keep the Lord's day on the lines of Isa. lviii., 13, 14, and pray for our rulers that they may have grace to do as Nehemiah did.

LESSON XI.—Esther Before the King (Est. iv., 10-17; v., 1-3). Golden text (Prov. xxxi., 9), "Judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy." From this book we learn that God is on the field when most invisible; that He is able to deliver when deliverance seems impossible; that those who dig pits for the righteous will fall into them themselves; that the good deeds of the righteous are recorded and will in due time be rewarded, and many other such practical lessons.

LESSON XII.—The Vanity of Graven Images (Isa., xliv., 9-20). Golden text (Isa., xlv., 5), "I am the Lord, and there is none else; there is no God besides Me." When people turn from the truth, they lay themselves open to every delusion. Whatever is more to us than God becomes an idol. Often it is some work of our own hands. If we have learned to know the true God it is not merely for our own benefit, but that we may make Him known to others. The Savior's great command to preach the Gospel to every creature is binding upon every one of us, and if we are willing to be used by Him, His "all power," and His "Lo, I am with you," are ours for His service. Our daily prayer and constant aim should be to know Him.—Lesson Helper.

PHYSICIANS should always take their business to a pellet court.—Pittsburgh Chronicle. We have an idea that the Chronicle pil-fered that joke.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

THE MONKEY AND THE PIE.

An Indian fakir had a monkey that he had brought up from babyhood. The pair were fast friends, the monkey being a faithful attendant on his master and as good as a watch dog. One day the fakir made a pie for dinner and left it to cook on a charcoal fire while he went for a walk. As the cooking proceeded the savory smell was too much for the monkey. It raised the crust and tasted the chicken. Finding the food very tasty it ate more and more, till nothing but the crust remained. Then it remembered its master, who would shortly come back hungry and ready to enjoy his meal. What was to be done? The sharp eyes of the monkey detected some crows not far away, so without loss of time it lay down on the ground as if dead. By and by a crow came along and picked at the monkey, which seized the bird in a twinkling, strangled it, stripped off the feathers, placed it in pieces in the dish, covered it over with the crust and then contentedly awaited the return of the fakir, to whom the whole incident was afterwards related by a witness of it.—[Health and Home.

THE DISCONTENTED OWLS.

There were once three discontented owls.

"It is so stupid to sit in the dark and eat mice," they said.

"It must be ever so much nicer to fly in the sun and sip honey. Let's be humming birds."

So one morning, bright and early, they flapped their way into the garden where the honeysuckles grew. They tried to dip their bills into the lovely blossoms, but they had not the bills of humming-birds, and they couldn't dip.

"No honey!" they cried.

"What shall we do?"

Then one owl said: "Let's claw it out."

So they turned around and thrust their claws into the blossoms, fishing for honey. And the honeysuckles were so rich and full that—what do you think? The honey just stuck to the owls' claws and held them fast; and the honey was so thick that it drew and drew until it sucked the owls in—all but their heads.

And now if you look at the honeysuckle vine you can see those disconsolate owls peering out from the petals, all of them so sorry they ever tried to be humming-birds.—[Wide Awake.

AN AMUSING SPECTACLE IN BIRD LIFE.

In a special ornithological bulletin of the United States National Museum occurs the following account of the dance of the prairie sharp tailed grouse of Manitoba, quoted from the unpublished notes of E. E. Thompson:

After the disappearance of the snow and the coming of warm weather the chickens meet every morning at gray dawn, in companies from six to twenty, on some selected hillock or knoll, and indulge in what is called a "dance." This performance I have often watched and it presents the most amusing spectacle I have yet witnessed in bird life.

At first the birds may be seen standing about in ordinary attitudes, when suddenly one of them lowers its head, spreads out its wings nearly horizontally and its tail perpendicularly, distends its air sacs and erects its feathers, then rushes across the "floor," taking the shortest of steps, but stamping its feet so hard and rapidly that the sound is like that of a kettledrum; at the same time it utters a sort of bubbling crow which seems to come from the air sacs, beats the air with its wings and vibrates its tail, so that it produces a loud, rustling noise, and thus contrives at once to make as extraordinary spectacle of itself as possible.

As soon as one commences, all join in, rattling, stamping, jumping, crowing and dancing together furiously; louder and louder the noise, faster and faster the dance becomes, until at last as they madly whirl about, the birds leap over each other in their excitement. After a brief spell the energy of the dancers begins to abate, and shortly afterward they stand or move about very quietly until they are again started by one of their number leading off.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

At 150 degrees all bodies are good conductors.

As a flesh producer, one pound of eggs is equal to a pound of beef.

Lighting the omnibuses of London by electricity is said to have proved most successful.

Mix the white of eggs and alum together, then smear a handkerchief with it all over. Wash it in salt and water, and when dry fire will not consume it.

The disappearance of affinity at a low temperature can be utilized to get absolutely pure substances; and M. Pictet has thus obtained alcohol, chloroform, ether and glycerin.

What are said to be the largest pair of driving wheels in the world are being constructed for the New York Central Railroad. The wheels when completed will be seven feet in diameter.

Robert Ball states that so great is the distance of some stars from this earth that the news of Christ's birth, if flashed to them by electric telegraph 193 years ago, would not have reached them yet.

Take some small article made of wire, such as a basket, cover the wire with worsted, place the basket in a hot saturated solution of alum and leave it to cool slowly. In a day or two a pretty crystal basket will be the result.

W. H. Preece, the well-known electrician, has succeeded in sending a telephonic message from the shore of the Bristol Channel, near Cardiff, to the island of Flatholm, three miles off, without the intervention of a connecting wire.

A person who has totally lost the sense of hearing in one ear, although he may imagine that the defect is of little consequence, cannot locate the direction of a sound to save his life, even when the center of disturbance is quite near him.

The superintendent of the Natal (South Africa) Observatory, in his report for 1890-'91, acknowledged his obligations to seven ladies, without whose zealous assistance, he says, the greater part of the astronomical computations, etc., would not have been carried out.

At West Lynn, Mass., the other day, a locomotive was coupled to a large electric motor and power was applied to them in opposite directions. For some time neither gained an inch, but finally, with the aid of sand thrown on the track, the locomotive came off victorious.

Work on the new Simplon tunnel has been commenced. When completed it will be the longest tunnel in the world. It will extend from Brieg, in Switzerland, to Iselle, in Italy, and its total length will be 12½ miles. It is expected that from eight to nine years will be occupied in the construction of the tunnel.

Had a Bite.

Mr. Jones kept a toy shop, and among various things sold fishing rods. For the purpose of advertising them he had a large rod hanging outside, with an artificial fish at the end of it.

Late one night, when most people were in bed, a man who was rather the worse for his night's enjoyment happened to see this fish. He looked at it and then went cautiously up to the door and knocked gently. Jones did not hear this, so after the man had knocked a little louder he responded at the window up above.

"Who's there?" said Jones.

"Don't make a noise," said the man in a whisper, "but come down as quietly as you can."

At the request our friend thought there must be something the matter. So after dressing and coming down as quietly as possible, he proceeded to know what it was.

"What is the matter?" he asked.

"Sh!" said the man. "Pull your line in quick, you've got a bite!"—[Yankee Blade.

A Coincidence.

Ten Broke (despairingly)—Sometimes I think I am too poor to hope to win your hand in marriage.

Penelope — What a coincidence! Why, that's what papa and mamma say every day.—[N. Y. Herald.

SERIOUS FACTS ABOUT BREAD

Which Housekeepers Should Earnestly Consider.

A serious danger menaces the health of the people of this country in the numerous alum baking powders that are now being urged upon the public.

There is no question as to the detrimental effect of these powders upon the system. Every Board of Health every physician, will tell you of the unwholesome qualities they add to the food. Some countries have absolutely prohibited the sale of bread containing alum.

Even small doses of alum, given to children, have produced fatal results, while cases of heartburn, indigestion, griping, constipation, dyspepsia, and various kindred gastric troubles from irritation of the mucous membrane, caused by the continuous use of food prepared with the alum or alum-phosphate powders, are familiar in the practice of every physician.

It is not possible that any prudent housewife, any loving mother, will knowingly use an article of food that will injure the health of her household, or perhaps cause the death of her children.

How shall the dangerous alum powders be distinguished? And how shall the danger to health from their use be avoided?

Generally, alum powders may be known from the price at which they are sold, or from the fact that they are accompanied by a gift, are disposed of under some scheme. The alum powder costs but a few cents a pound to make, and is often sold at 20 or 25 cents a pound. If some present is given with it, the price may be 30, 40 or 50 cents a pound.

It is impossible to name all the alum powders in the market, but any baking powder sold at a low price, or advertized as costing only half as much as cream of tartar powders, accompanied by a present, or disposed of under any scheme, is of this class, detrimental to health, and to be avoided.

But the easy, safe, and certain protection of our bread, biscuit and cake from all danger of unwholesomeness is in the use of the Royal Baking Powder only. This powder is mentioned because of the innumerable reports in its favor by high medical authorities, by the U. S. Government, and by the official chemists and Boards of Health, which leave no doubt as to its entire freedom from alum, lime and ammonia, its absolute purity and wholesomeness. While its use is thus a safeguard against the poisonous alum powders it is satisfactory at the same time to know that it makes the whitest, lightest, sweetest and most delicious food, which will keep moist and fresh longer, and that can be eaten with immunity hot or cold, stale or fresh, and also that owing to its greater strength it is more economical than others.

These facts should incline consumers to turn a deaf ear to all importunities to buy the inferior powder. If a grocer urges the sale of the cheap, impure, alum brands, it should be borne in mind that it is because he can make more profit on them. The wise housekeeper will decline in all cases to take them.

Take no chances through using a doubtful article where so important a matter as the health or life of dear ones is at stake.

President Fillmore, who was a Buffalonian, took his law partner into his Cabinet as Postmaster-General. Mr. Cleveland, another Buffalonian, did likewise.

A man committed suicide at Saratoga; N. Y., recently, because the train he went to the station to catch was an hour late.

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To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the Springtime comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. One bottle will answer for all the family and costs only 50 cents; the large size $1. Try it and be pleased. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

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Great numbers of vultures hover over Para, Brazil, on the Amazon River, blackening every housetop and church spire. A heavy fine is imposed for killing one of these immense carrion birds, a fact which is less strange than it appears when it is known that they do more toward keeping that undrained city in a state of comparative cleanliness than is accomplised in any other way.—San Antonio Chronicle.

Members of the English Life Guards cannot be tried by court-martial unless the members of it belong either to their own or one of the other household regiments.

"German Syrup"

Justice of the Peace, George Wilkinson, of Lowville, Murray Co., Minn., makes a deposition concerning a severe cold. Listen to it. "In the Spring of 1888, through exposure I contracted a very severe cold that settled on my lungs. This was accompanied by excessive night sweats. One bottle of Boschee's German Syrup broke up the cold, night sweats, and all and left me in a good, healthy condition. I can give German Syrup my most earnest commendation."

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THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

THE subsidence of floods caused an easier feeling throughout New York State.

A CALL was issued from New York City by the National Committee of the Republican National League for a National Convention to be held at Louisville, Ky., May 10.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HILARY A. HERBERT made his first visit to the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Navy Yard in his official character. He was received with all the honors, and a salute of seventeen guns from the battery at the Cob dock. He made a tour of inspection and was dined by Commandant Erben.

FIRE broke out in the second story of Turn Hall, Paterson, N. J., and within two hours $45,000 worth of property was destroyed, and fifteen people were injured, two so severely that they died.

AT New York City Recorder Smyth denied the motion to give a new trial to Carlyle W. Harris, condemned to death for murdering Helen Neilson Potts, his schoolgirl wife. His counsel, William F. Howe, decided to appeal for a full pardon on the ground that the new evidence, alleging that Helen took morphine habitually, showed Harris's innocence.

TEN passengers were injured, three fatally, by a rear-end collision between express trains on the Erie Railway, at Lackawaxen, Penn.

THE body of Charles T. Odiorne, another victim of Boston's big fire, has been found in the ruins. This, it was believed, completed the list of the dead, which numbers five.

JOHN ZAVATZKAS and John Gaydos were killed by a fall in the Stockton colliery at Hazleton, Penn.

MRS. ELIZABETH HINKLEY, the thirteen-year-old wife of sixteen-year-old Henry T. Hinkley, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Mrs. John T. Pohlman, of New Haven, Conn., have given birth to triplets.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY was celebrated in New York, Brooklyn, Boston and other Eastern cities and towns by unusually large processions, by services in Catholic churches and by dinners and dances.

South and West.

THE Kansas Trust and Banking Company, at Atchison, of which ex-Senator Ingalls is President, closed its doors. The liabilities of the concern are estimated at $800,000, and the assets will probably reach $700,000.

GEORGE WINN, a vagrant colored man was sold on the block at Fayette, Mo., under the vagrant law of Missouri. His services for six months were bought by R. S. McCampbell, of Glenn Eden Springs, for $20.

AN explosion in Shaft No. 1 of the Choctaw Coal Mine, at Anderson, Indian Territory, caused by an unknown man firing a pistol shot in it, killed nine men and fatally injured eight.

TWO persons were killed and several injured by the fall of a building in Chicago, Ill.

SAMUEL W. ALLERTON was nominated for Mayor by the Republicans of Chicago, Ill.

THE Alabama National Bank of Mobile has failed, and its President, F. H. Clergue, it is said, used from $50,000 to $60,000 of the bank's money.

JAMES HOWARD and Will Morgan, two troopers belonging to the Fifth United States Cavalry, were drowned while fording a creek south of Caldwell in the Cherokee Strip, Indian Territory.

HARLAND MURRAY, after a dispute with his wife at St. Louis, Mo., attempted to shoot her. The bullet instead struck and killed his sixty-five-year-old mother, who attempted to shield her daughter-in-law from the jealous man's fury.

AT St. Louis, Mo., S. H. H. Clark resigned the presidency of the Union Pacific Railway to be President of the Missouri Pacific.

AT Rutherford, N. C., a child of T. W. Dixon, a drummer, turned over a kerosene lamp and burned two children to death. Mrs. Dixon was badly burned and died next morning.

TOM BRUNSON, colored, was hanged by a mob at Brundidge, Tenn., for assaulting a white woman.

HENDERSON SMITH, aged 119, died at Quincy, Ill., a few days since. He was born in Virginia in 1774, and at one time was in the employ of George Washington.

Washington.

MRS. CLEVELAND, for the first time since she has returned to the White House, held an informal reception. From 1 to 2 o'clock she saw a few personal friends in the Red Parlor.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HERBERT has appointed Louis Tinny his Private Secretary.

BARON FAVA, the Italian Minister, gave in honor of his King's birthday, a dinner to the Vice-President, Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle, ex-Secretary Bristow, Senator Brice and the Diplomatic Corps.

SECRETARY HOKE SMITH has appointed M. Cooper Pope, of Washington, Ga., Chief of the Division of Lands and Railroads in the Secretary's office of the Interior Department.

SECRETARY MORTON has been compelled, on account of insufficiency of the appropriation for the seed division of the Department of Agriculture, to sign an order dismissing about sixty employes of that division.

THE President made the following nominations: William McAdoo, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Edward B. Whitney, of New York, to be Assistant Attorney-General, in place of Abraham K. Parker, resigned. Postmasters—Robert B. Brown at Meadville, Penn.; Dale J. Crittenberger at Anderson, Ind.; Stephen Smith at Tama, Iowa; Charles H. Long at Tipton, Iowa; Joseph E. Swindlehurst at Livingston, Mont.

THE Secretary of the Interior accepted the resignation of Green B. Raum as Commissioner of Pensions, and designated Deputy Commissioner Andrew Davidson to take charge of that office until the appointment by the President of General Raum's successor.

HOWARD JEFFORD SCHNEIDER was hanged in the district jail at the outskirts of Washington for the murder of his wife on January 31st, 1892. He was indicted also for the murder of her young brother at the same time and place, but this was not brought to trial.

PRINCESS KAILUNAI, of Hawaii, with her chaperon, Mrs. Davies and Miss Whattoff, paid a social call on Mrs. Cleveland at the White House.

THE following appointments were made in the Department of Justice by Attorney-General Olney: W. H. C. Hart, Jr., of Massachusetts, Secretary to the Attorney-General; Frank Strong, of Arkansas, General Agent of the Department of Justice. Mr. Endicott is a son of W. C. Endicott, Secretary of War in Mr. Cleveland's first Cabinet.

Foreign.

ADVICES from India announce that the British forces have brought the mountain tribes beyond the Chitral into submission, and have strongly fortified Chilas. Major Daniell, the leader of the forces, was killed in an assault on one of the villages, and the total British loss is twenty-three killed and thirty wounded.

OFFICIALS of the Anglo-Australian Bank, which failed at Melbourne last year, were found guilty of fraud and sentenced to penal servitude.

IN the Russian Province of Podolia there were 305 cases of cholera in the last two weeks of February.

TWELVE men were buried in a land slide on the Mountain Division of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, near Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two were taken out dead.

ONE HUNDRED houses in the Turkish village of Mustapha Pacha have been swept away by flood and a number of lives lost.

A DYNAMITE bomb exploded in the official residence of United States Minister Porter at Rome, Italy; no one was injured, and little damage was done.

THE LABOR WORLD.

THE clerks' unions of Chicago, Ill., will amalgamate.

DENMARK pensions all working people over sixty years of age.

THE State of Colorado has a labor army of 9670 workmen in 115 unions.

PATTERN-MAKERS have adopted a national insurance on their tools of trade.

THE Governor of Colorado favors compulsory arbitration in labor troubles.

SEVEN THOUSAND shopmen on the Union Pacific road have secured eight hours.

THE preservation gang on the Panama Canal line has struck against a reduction of wages.

IN the State of New York during 1892 there were 1768 strikes, involving 25,763 persons.

BANK clerks of Philadelphia want the State Legislature to pass a short-day law for them.

THE deaths from explosions in mines last year numbered 126, against fifty-one in 1891 and 290 in 1890.

GLADSTONE recently told British laborers that the establishment of the eight-hour system is practicable.

THE Homestead (Penn.) Relief Committee announces that no more money is needed for Homestead sufferers.

ENGINEERS in the freight service of the New York Central Railroad have been notified that they must reside in Albany.

OVER one hundred thousand working women in New York are self-supporting. Three out of every five support whole families.

SEATTLE, Washington, will furnish the necessary tools to idle men who wish work and will pay them fairly for all work done for the city.

ARMED peasants and unemployed workmen are making demonstrations in the city of Lombardy, Italy, carrying flags with the inscription: "Bread, Work or Blood."

IT is said that there are 30,000 idle workmen in Chicago, Ill., and that the number is constantly increasing. The various unions of the city have spent thousands of dollars in helping the unfortunates.

TRADES unions of Nebraska have formed a State Federation, to be known as the Nebraska State Labor Congress. It proposes to establish central and local unions in every town and city in the State.

A NEW association of railroad employes has been organized at Chicago. It is composed of all classes of railroad employes, and is formed for mutual protection, the advancement of wages and shortening of hours.

IN the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, persons desiring work or help have now only to send a postal card to the Director of the Postal Administration in order to have the wants advertised in every postoffice in the Grand Duchy.

THERE is great suffering among the cotton spinners and operatives of Oldham, England. There are 34,000 unemployed. Thousands of these are without food and fuel. The local authorities are overburdened with demands upon them, and private charity has been exhausted by the continual and increasing drain since last November.

OLD TOBE KILLED.

A $10,000 Elephant Sacrificed in the Effort to Subdue Him.

Tobe, the mammoth six ton elephant of the Wallace Circus, in winter quarters near Peru, Ind., was killed late the other night in an endeavor to subdue him. Ever since his purchase some months ago, the animal has exhibited a violent temper, making attempts to come near him extremely dangerous.

It was determined to subdue him or kill him. So Keeper Forepaugh and his assistants, armed with irons and pointed spikes, secured the beast by four chains imbedded in the foundation walls of the building. The animal was powerless, with the exception of his trunk.

For over an hour the punishment was continued, when finally the infuriated beast burst a blood vessel, dying almost instantly. He was valued at $10,000.

"Tobe" is the animal that killed a horse a few weeks ago and also engaged in battle with "Prince," another elephant, nearly killing him. He also nearly killed one of the two keepers. He has been a terror to the men around the farm, and they were in danger all the time. The fight is described as one of the most furious ever seen, and not once in the hour's time did the animal show the least inclination to yield.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Kansas Farmers Killed in Destructive Prairie Fires.

Prairie fires raged in Western Kansas for nearly two days. News was received from Russell County that seven persons were caught between two fires and perished.

Their names were: William Bailey, Dave Hutchinson, Albert Moore, A. McDonald, Mrs. Lefevre and two whose names were unknown.

Bailey was fearfully burned about the breast and died in awful agony. The men were all farmers and were out feeding their stock.

The prairie fire had been discerned approaching in the distance, and the unfortunates had made for an open space where they hoped they might be enabled to fight off the rent of fire. Quickly getting to work, t cleared off the ground for several y around them, and as best they could d trench around the space.

Ir efforts, however, were futile, for as thre approached the wind arose, and, cring just as it reached their frail cord whirled in one awful torrent and ld the poor victims' lives out before ey had hardly realized their danger.

The Bed of Old Atlantic.

The topography of the Atlantic Ocean bed is now almost as well known as if it were dry land. The charts represent it as a huge trough of varying depths, extending from pole to pole. Here and there are rocky peaks, like that of Teneriffe, or huge mountains of sand, like the Banks of Newfoundland, which reach up to or above the surface. Between Ireland and Newfoundland there is a remarkable submarine plain. This great level stretch of ocean bottom is always referred to as the "telegraph or cable plateau," because of the fact of the main submarine cables being stretched across it. This plateau is believed to be a continuation of the great water shed which, between the latitudes of forty and fifty degrees north, surrounds the earth, and divides the waters which flow south from those which flow toward the north.—New York Dispatch.

A Germ Inquiry.

A New York woman has been poisoned by some "germs" that were on her gloves. She rubbed a wart with a black glove, blood poisoning set in, and the doctors say that there was doubtless a "germ" sunning himself on the glove at the time. Where on earth were all these murderous "germs" fifty years ago, when our grandfathers and grandmothers made a point of showing that the days of our years are not three score and ten by any manner of means? We refer to the days when, if a man died under seventy years of age, the neighbors wondered what he had done to undermine his constitution. Were these "germs" too ignorant at that time to know what capabilities they had for making themselves a public nuisance? —Buffalo Commercial.

A Capitol According to Her Size.

The State Capitol of Texas is the largest State building in the United States and the seventh in size among the building of the world. It is a vast Greek cross of red Texas granite, with a central rotunda covered by a dome 311 feet high. It was begun in 1881 and finished in 1888, having cost about $3,500,000. It was paid for with 3,000,000 acres of public land, deeded to the capitalists who executed the work.—New Orleans Picayune.

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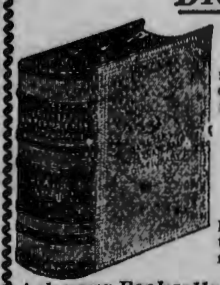

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MOUNT UNION.

Mrs. J. C. Moser, of Huntingdon, visited friends in town on Friday and Saturday last.

Miss Kate Weams returned on Thursday last from a ten-days' trip among friends in Altoona.

Dr. G. C. Borst and editor H. A. Thompson, of the *Times*, attended conference at Bellefonte on Sunday.

Rev. D. H. Campbell preached a pointed temperance sermon to a large congregation in the Presbyterian church on Sunday last.

Chas. Stratford, jr., of this place, attended the recent Methodist conference at Bellefonte, in the capacity of delegate from this charge.

A cold wave, with high winds, struck this place last Wednesday and Thursday, that made many of us think winter had again set in.

The people of this place, who are thoroughly aroused over the attempt to locate a license in this place, took depositions on Saturday last against the granting of the petition. If any of the evidence is admitted it can not but decidedly demonstrate how adverse a large majority of our citizens are to a licensed hotel here.

Mrs. Anna Schriber, wife of Rev. W. Schriber, a superannuated Methodist who resides in this place, died at her home on Saturday last, after a short illness of consumption. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the M. E. church, Rev. C. L. Benscoter officiating. The remains were interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

MILL CREEK.

Charles McDonald recently made a business trip to Bllenville.

Mrs. David Miller will leave Mill Creek friends to become a resident of Mapleton this week.

Mrs. David Simpson, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is slowly improving in health.

Newt Carothers will move into the house which James Carothers and his daughter, Mrs. Miller, occupied.

J. G. Hicks moved from Mill Creek to Mapleton on Monday, and we can congratulate Mapleton on the citizen gained which this place loses.

Four of the township schools have closed; the other two will close this week. E. U. Hamilton taught the Centre, John W. Tate Rockville, and Harvey Tate Smoker schools. So far as we have learned all have been successful in their winter's work.

Miss Flora Himes, teacher of No. 1 school, finished her school term on last Friday, after a most successful term. The school was kept in a good condition all through the term. The school board of Brady township can congratulate themselves on securing her service as a teacher.

TROUGH CREEK.

The farmers are complaining of hard weather on grain.

Richard Chilcott took a pleasure and business trip to Altoona last week.

Mrs. Jackson Fisher, of near Marklesburg, visited friends in the valley recently.

Mrs. Samuel Snyder, of Atkinson's Mills, was a welcome visitor in the upper end last week.

There is talk of Prof. Giffin giving another quarter of lessons in vocal music at Pine Grove.

Our Methodist friends are quite anxious to know who will serve them as pastors the coming year.

M. R. Brenneman left for Alabama last Tuesday. Mr. Brenneman has had a favorable opinion of the southern country for many years.

Contrary to the expectations of all, our roads seem like settling down with out getting as muddy as they usually do in the spring of the year.

Parties who purchased fruit trees of A. W. Wright last year were so well pleased that they are ordering this spring again and persuading their neighbors to do likewise.

Geo. W. Hazzard and wife, of Altoona, W. W. Wright and family, of Kipple, Mrs. J. Black and Misses Lill Greenland and Minnie Davis, of Huntingdon, Mrs. Catharine Foust, of Henderson township, Miss Jennie Peterson, of Burnt Cabins, W. T. Boring and wife, G. W. Wright and wife and I. N. Swope, of Mapleton, were visitors to the valley on account, mainly, of the wedding.

The Wright—Greenland wedding came off as per announcement on the evening of the 15th at the residence of the bride's parents, in the presence of quite a number of special friends. Elder Funk pronounced the happy words. They were treated to a double serenade, the first by a part of the Calvin band, the latter by a selection of ladies. As the common saying the latter "took the cake," and they ate a good share of them.

BEAVERTOWN.

W. B. Stapleton has left us again. He has taken work in Saxton as a machinist.

The school taught by Miss Blanche Evans expects to hold an entertainment on the night of the 27 inst.

Abraham Horton sold his property to John Powell. Mr. Powell is expected to occupy it in the near future.

Miss Minerva Stapleton is home again She had been in Altoona since last fall. Her friends seem glad to see her.

The Harbaugh family had quite a serious time, the whole family being afflicted. Their increase is somewhat improved.

A singing class was organized at Beavertown last Friday night under the control of Mr. Summers. There are at this time about 45 members. This has been a long felt need. Success to the singers.

—Not everybody can have the chance to visit Washington; but that is no valid reason why everybody may not become thoroughly familiar with the points of interest at our National Capital, and with things about it that only a favored few could enjoy even by a sojourn there. For example, the Foreign Legations; how many out of every hundred who visit Washington know anything about them? Yet you may sit quietly at home, without incurring the fatigue and expense of the journey, and see them all,—all the magnificent rooms and portraits of their occupants,—in *Demorest's Monthly Magazine*, the April number of which contains a charming paper, superbly illustrated, on "The Foreign Legations at Washington." If you admire handsome women, you will find portraits of over a score of "Society Leaders of Illinois," which form a charming gallery. The paper on "The Hawaiian Islands" is timely, and is uniquely illustrated with portraits of all the kings and queens who have reigned over that island realm; "A Debutante's Winter in New York" contains much information regarding the etiquette of marriage engagements; "En Route for Chicago" gives excellent information for women who purpose traveling alone to the Chicago Exposition; there are numerous excellent stories; all the departments are full of good things; there are over two hundred illustrations, including an oil picture and a crayon; and altogether it is a superb Easter number,—a specimen of what is given twelve times a year, for $2. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 E. 14th St., New York.

Fruit Trees.

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The boy who thinks he could do great things "if he only had a chance" is the boy who seldom makes a success of anything. He is always waiting for "good luck" to bring him into prominence. He isn't valuable to his employer.

The boy who sullenly thinks that his position is not "as good as he deserves" is preparing the way for disappointment in after years. A boy has no value until he earns one himself. The world never applauds a man for what he says he can do, but for something he has actually done.

The qualities that are valuable are intelligence, accuracy and honor. A boy must show that he has fair mental capacity, that he has formed the habit of correctness, and that he is trustworthy.

Employers do not seek phenomenal boys. They prefer the ordinary kind. Above all else they appreciate the accurate boy; one who, in workshop, store or office, does the right thing at the right time. That duty may be but a trifle in itself, but the doing of it and the perceiving that it should be done without waiting to be told, prove the boy's value.

The boy who allows himself to feel that he is working solely for the wages he receives will never get beyond the grade of a wage earner. He should try to learn something new each day, because it is what he learns, not what he earns that makes him valuable. By knowing more he is able to earn more.

There is a difference between ambition and dissatisfaction. Ambition comes from knowledge, but dissatisfaction often comes from ignorance. The first question a reasonable employer asks when a boy requests advancement is, "What are you able to do?" If the boy can reply that he is able to do more or better work than when his pay was last fixed, he can generally count on an increase. If he can only say that he is "dissatisfied," he will probably be told to go somewhere else, but if he can show that he can earn money for his employer he can command money for himself. This is a rule as stable as gold itself, not only in the workshop but in every walk of life. Any employer who ignores this truth would be tearing out his own foundation.

MORGAN BATES.

Claflin and the Young Man.

The following story is told about Horace B. Claflin, a prominent merchant, who is quaint and humorous as he is keen-witted and rich:

On a certain evening, about five o'clock, Claflin was sitting alone in his office when a young man, pale and careworn, timidly knocked and entered.

"Mr. Claflin," said he, "I am in need of help. I have been unable to meet certain payments, because certain parties have not done as they agreed by me, and I would like to have $10,000. I come to you because you were a friend to my father, and might be a friend to me."

"Come in," said Claflin; "come in and have a glass of wine."

"No," said the young man; "I don't drink."

"Have a cigar, then."

"No; I never smoke."

"Well," said the joker, "I would like to accommodate you but I don't think I can."

"Very well," said the young man, as he was about to leave the room; "I thought perhaps you might. Good-day, sir."

"Hold on," said Mr. Claflin. "You don't drink?"

"No."

"Nor smoke?"

"No."

"Nor gamble, nor anything of the kind?"

"No, sir; I am superintendent of the —— Sunday school."

"Well," said Claflin, with tears in his eyes and choking voice, "you shall have it and three times the amount if you wish. Your father let me have $5,000 once, and asked me the same questions. He trusted me and I will trust you."

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The undersigned will expose to public sale on the premises on

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at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, all that certain FARM and TRACT OF LAND situate in Clay township, Huntingdon county, Pa., bounded on the north by lands of A. M. Drake, on the east by lands of Geo. W. Cohill, on the south by lands of Geo. W. Cohill and John M. Drake, and on the west by lands of John F. Meminger, containing 33 ACRES, more or less, about 20 acres of which are cleared and under cultivation, having thereon a good LOG DWELLING HOUSE, log stable and necessary outbuildings. Also, excellent fruit and a LIMESTONE QUARRY.

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The Mapleton Item.

Mapleton Depot, Pa., March 22 1893.

LOCAL NOTES.

—Blank leases for sale at this office.

—"Little brown jugs" at Mrs. Evans.

—Aprons and sun-bonnets at Mrs. Evans.

—Sewing machine needles and best sewing machine oil at Mrs. Evans.

—We are indebted to the Altoona *Tribune* for our report of conference proceedings.

—Mrs. Rev. James A. Clemm, of Spruce Creek, is visiting among friends in Mapleton.

—Thirty-three licenses were granted in Centre county last week—six more than last year.

—Owing to the temporary illness of J. G. Dell, teacher, there was no school in room No. 4, last Friday.

—M. L. Rex and Allison Heeter attended the M. E. conference at Bellefonte, Saturday and Sunday.

—Mrs. L. A. Himes, of Mill Creek, spent a few hours among Mapleton friends last Saturday evening.

—FOR SALE.—Hemlock lumber, 2x3, 2x5, 6x8, and inch boards, in large or small quantities. H. H. SWOPE.

—Rev. F. W. Curry will preach his first sermon in Mapleton on Easter Sunday. The hour will be given in our next issue.

—Mrs. Michael Quarry, an aged lady of Hare's valley was found dead in bed yesterday morning. We are without further particulars.

—Mrs. H. A. Thompson and children, of Mount Union, spent Saturday among friends in Mapleton, the guest of M. L. Rex's family.

—Look out for something new in sleeve ruchings. Flowing sleeves will be worn and Mrs. Evans will have a well selected stock of trimmings.

—The undersigned is prepared to do light hauling promptly and at reasonable prices. Orders may be left at the freight office. John S. Hicks.

—For rent—A dwelling house in Union township about 2 miles north of town. For further particulars address W. T. Boring, Mapleton Depot, Pa.

—MUSICAL COLLEGE.—The Spring Term opens May 1st, in Vocal and Instrumental Music. For catalogues address Henry B. Moyer, Freeburg, Pa.

—T. M. Logan and family attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Mollie McCahan, of Donation, yesterday, who died last Sunday after an illness of 19 weeks.

—Howard Laird, of Porter township, who has been teaching during the past winter in Petersburg, was in Mapleton last Wednesday evening transacting business.

—The following Pennsylvania postoffices will be raised from fourth-class to presidential class, April 1, 1893: California, Hastings, Natrona and Orwigsburg.

—The festival conducted by the ladies aid society of the U. B. church last Friday and Saturday evenings was one of the most successful, financially, they have ever held.

—A miner named B. F. Edwards was caught by the cage at shaft No. 2, Woodvale last Thursday evening and killed. He was aged about 60 years and leaves a wife.

—B. P. Wilson and family, of Altoona, and Rev. S. D. Wilson, of Williamsport, were visitors to Mapleton during the past week, called hither by the serious illness of their father.

—Thomas Robinson, of Rockfield, Indiana, who had been spending a couple months among friends in this and Juniata counties left last Wednesday morning for his western home.

—Mifflintown, Pa., has the first contribution to the conscience fund under the present administration to its credit, $25 having been received at Washington from that place last Saturday.

—Amos Frantz, who for a short while a few years ago made his home in Mapleton, is reported to have recently been killed on a western railroad, his body having been found lying along the track.

—W. W. Woods, of Williamsburg, [illegible]town Monday evening on busi[illegible] informs us that [illegible]place cont[illegible]s man[illegible]

—"Richard," the McVeytown correspondent of the *Democrat and Sentinel*, says: "Joseph Strode, of Strode's Mills, Mifflin county, has received a request from the postoffice department for a photograph of himself for exhibition at the world's fair as the oldest postmaster in continuous service in the United States. Mr. Strode has been postmaster at Strode's Mills for fifty years.

—It's a little early for baby caps and hats when made of lace, silk cashmere and gauze but Mrs. Evans, Mapleton's dealer in such articles, last week placed a large order for these goods with the manufacturers. These goods will not arrive until the middle of April. Wait and see them. They will be sold at lower prices than they were bought for heretofore.

—Prof. J. W. Waful closed his term of instruction in penmanship last Saturday evening. Those who attended regularly made considerable progress and Prof. Waful made his promises good. The first prize for most improvement was awarded to R. H. Brumbaugh; the second prize was awarded to Miss Celia Miller and the third to Miss Mattie Robley. The prize for the neatest book was awarded to Miss Nora Spanogle. B. F. Godard won the prize for excellence in making figures.

—That old established cough remedy, Downs' Elixir, still more than holds its own in the public estimation, despite sharp and active competition. It is a "home remedy" and in this locality needs no words of praise from us, so well and favorably known is it. It is the standard remedy for coughs, colds and all throat troubles, with great numbers of our people, and their continued use and unsolicited recommendation of it speaks volumes in its favor.—*Burlington, Vt., Free Press, January* 26, 1882.

—The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation surprised Mrs. Mary Kelley, one of their number, last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Kelley was lured from home to make a call and during her absence the ladies took possession and on her return she was greatly surprised to find her house filled with friends and the table bountifully supplied with such things as make an elegant repast. All sat down and spent a very pleasant afternoon with one who for many years has been a much respected citizen but will shortly move to Huntingdon. The ladies have also presented Mrs. Kelley with a fine rocking chair. She appreciates their kindness very much.

—Washington Camp, No. 59, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of this place, will celebrate its 6th anniversary Thursday evening, March 23d. The members of the Camp, their ladies, members of other Camps residing here and a few invited guests will enjoy the privileges of the occasion. State Secretary, William Weand, of Philadelphia; John W. Speddy, of Port Royal, E. E. Morrison, of Newton Hamilton, and the district president and past district presidents of this county will be among the speakers. The Camp regrets its inability to extend a general invitation to the membership in the county but owing to limited hall accommodations this is impossible. The committee having the matter in charge have arranged to accommodate a representative from each Camp and hope that each Camp will be represented. Fast line west will stop at Mapleton tomorrow evening to accommodate visitors from the east.

—Last week ITEM subscribers who are served from Mill Creek, Huntingdon and points on the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad failed to receive their papers until Friday. Complaints were numerous and in justice to ourselves we explain: The ITEM was mailed as usual last Wednesday morning. Two pouches were sent to Huntingdon on way passenger, one for day express and the other for mail west. The third pouch containing mail for points served from Mill Creek and Huntingdon was hung on the crane for mail west. The postal clerk failed to catch the pouch and made no report of it. Postmaster Wright, after hearing complaints, investigated and on Friday morning the pouch was found in a field above town. We are sorry the delay occurred, but are gratified to know our readers so much appreciate the ITEM as to complain when they fail to receive it regularly.

—A very fine line of embroideries—[illegible]wiss and Hamburg—new styles and [illegible]w patterns, at Mrs. Evans.

School Report.

The sixth month of our borough schools having closed, space is given for the usual reports. The school board having given the privileges of an eight-months' school term parents should interest themselves in seeing that their children remain in school until the close of the term. Already a falling-off in attendance is noticeable. This should not be so. The latter part of the term being devoted to reviews make it the most important part of the term and the dropping out of pupils at such a time disorganizes the school and discourages the teachers.

No. 1 School—Miss Fannie Isenberg, Tch'r.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Whole attendance,	15	18	33
Average "	14	16	30
Per cent. of "	93	87	90

Following are the pupils who missed no time during the month: Charley Chilcote, Ray McDonald, Mattie Barkley, Annie Lamberson, James Hommon, Olie Lamberson, Lloyd White, Wildow Rodgers, Walter Lamberson, Iva Chilcote, James McHugh, Ada McDonald, Sallie McHugh. Visitors 10.

No. 2 School—E. G. Rex, Teacher.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Whole attendance,	21	22	43
Average "	19	20	39
Per cent. of "	95	90	93

Pupils who missed no time during the month: Eddie McCarl, Emory Neice, James Fisher, John A. McHugh, Philip McDonald, Samuel Stroup, Vance White, Wilbur Yocum, Ada Wilson, Ada Wood, Annie Marlin, Bertha Hooper, Grace Numer, Hannah Clemens, Mattie Himes, Myrtle Wright and Odessa Haevey. There are 3 pupils who missed one-half day and 5 who missed one day. Visitors 5.

No. 3 School—R. S. Henderson, Teacher.

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Whole Attendance,	16	13	29
Average "	14	8	22
Per Cent. of "	96	86	91

Pupils who missid no time during the month: M. L. Wilson, Oscar Wilson, John Slates, J. Lee Rex, Burton Codner, Howard Barkley, Chas. W. Swope, R. S. Godard, Howard Himes, Blaine Yocum, Viola Godard, Ettie McDonald, Emma McDonald. Visitors 5.

No. 4 School—J. G. Dell, Teacher.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Whole attendance,	10	7	17
Average "	9	5	14
Per cent. of "	97	85	91

Pupils who missed no time during the month: E. E. Godard, Lewis C. Dysart, J. S. Wilson, and J. G. Hooper. Harvey Fry made 100 per cent. for ten days and then left school. Three girls were excused during the month. Visitors 3.

A Sojourn in the South and a Pilgrimage to the Far West via the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On March 28th the last personally-conducted tour to Florida will leave New York and Philadelphia. Tourists have the option of returning on any regular train prior to May 31st, 1893. $50 from New York, $48 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points, cover, in addition to round-trip transportation, all necessary expenses *en route* going.

On March 29th the last California tour leaves the East for the most wonderful and delightful trip it is possible to make in this country.

A Tourist Agent and Chaperon accompany each party and everything possible is done for the comfort and entertainment of the tourists. All information regarding rates, routes, &c., may be obtained on application to the Tourist Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 233 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia, 849 Broadway, New York, 860 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, or Ticket Agents of the company.

Wright--Greenland.

Will L. Wright and Miss Marjorie Greenland, both of Trough Creek valley, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Wednesday, March 15th. Elder Funk, of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony and Edward B. Greenland, E. S. Chilcott and Misses Allie Greenland and Jennie Peterson served as attendants. A large number of friends of the contracting parties were present and the bride and groom were the recipients of numerous useful and valuable presents. On Thursday a reception was tendered them at the groom's parents and many family friends extended congratulations and best wishes to the young couple. Both are highly esteemed young people and the ITEM joins in wishing that their future may be bright and joyous.

M. E. Conference Appointments.

JUNIATA DISTRICT—J. MAX LANTZ, P. E.

Alum Bank, Robert M. Snyder.
Bedford, Hiles C. Pardoe.
Blaine, John S. Souser.
Burnt Cabins, William W. Rothrock.
Cassville, Robert H. Stine, Elisha Shoemaker.
Clearville, A. C. Forscht,
Concord, J. Bruner Graham, Daniel E. Kaufman (supply).
Ennisville, Theodore S. Faus.
Everett, John A. Wood, Jr.
Hopewell, John R. Dunkerly.
Huntingdon, First Church, Alexander R. Lambert.
" Second Church, B. H. Hart.
Lewistown, John B. Polsgrove.
Logan, William C. Robbins.
Manor Hill, Andrew W. Decker.
Mapleton and Mill Creek, Frank W. Curry.
McConnellstown, Charles W. Karns.
McVeytown, Nelson E. Cleaver.
Mifflintown, Martin L. Drum.
Mount Union, William Brill.
New Bloomfield, Joseph K. Knisely.
Newton Hamilton, Chas. V. Hartzell.
Orbisonia, William H. Stevens.
Petersburg and Alexandria, A. B. Hooven.
Port Royal, Joshua K. Lloyd, to be supplied.
Ray's Hill, W. R. Picken.
Reedsville, George L. Comp.
Saxton, Elton H. Wallace.
Schellsburg, Elmer E. Harter.
Shirleysburg, W. H. Miller.
Thompsontown, Henry Treverton.
Three Springs, Lorenzo D. Ott.
Wagner, S. R. Rohrer (supply).
Wolfsburg, John C. Brown.

Supernumerary and superannuated preachers: William Henry Stevens, George Berkstresser, Lewis A. Rudisill, William Schriber, William E. Hoch, Ceylon W. Marshall, Levi S. Crone, Martin L. Smith, William H. Bowden.

Other ministers our readers are interested in are stationed as follows:

North Altoona, C. L. Benscoter.
Ansonville and Mahaffey, Chas. W. Rishel.
Hastings, Charles W. Wasson.
Hollidaysburg, Luther F. Smith.
Houtzdale, Herman H. Crotsley.
Ramey, Charles A. Biddle.
Williamsburg, Frank W. Leidy.
Woodland and Bradford, Richard H. Wharton.
Ashland, W. F. D. Noble.
Berwick, Richard Hinkle.
Jeansville, John L. Leilich.
Northumberland, Henry M. Ash.
Rohrsburg, Elial M. Chilcoat.
Stockton and Beaver Meadow, Oliver S. Metzler.
Sunbury, George Leidy.
Weatherly, John W. Buckley.
Dillsburg and Wellsville, Alexander Lamberson.
Harrisburg, Fifth Street, G. W. Stevens.
" Thirteenth St., E. M. Stevens.
Newport, P. P. Strawinski.
Stewartstown, Furman Adams.
Wrightsville, C. T. Dunning.
York Springs, Geo. A. Singer.
Austin and Costello, Samuel D. Wilson.
Flemington, F. W. Biddle.
Jersey Shore, James M. Johnston.
Lewisburg, I. N. Moorhead.
Montgomery, John A. Mattern.
Muncy, Amos S. Baldwin.
Picture Rocks, Rollin S. Taylor.
Renovo, Finley B. Riddle.
Waterville, G. N. Crotsley (supply).
Watsontown, Orlando G. Heck.
Williamsport, Third Street, S. B. Evans.

Reformatory Notes.

From Record of March 11.

Population, 361.
Last consecutive number, 1113.
The robins will soon nest again.
Two head of hogs were received this week.
Nine head of cattle were received since our last issue.
A number of bride roses are blooming in the green house.
Philadelphia sent us five inmates on Saturday of last week.
The school examinations will commence on Monday next.
Five inmates from Allegheny county were received on Wednesday.
Thirty-one visitors were shown through the Reformatory this week.
Our number was increased by an inmate from Warren county yesterday.
No. 285 was released on expiration of maximum sentence on Tuesday.
Officer Lang was at Shaver's Creek, this county, on Tuesday purchasing cattle.
Master mechanic Colony has completed the water pipes in the brush shop.
Franklin county increased our population on Tuesday by sending us two inmates.
There is an abutilion bush in the green house that contains one hundred and eighteen flowers.
If there is not a decrease in price the Easter eggs is not going to flourish so freely as in past seasons.
Deputy sheriffs Delvin and Johnston, of Allegheny county, visited the institution on Wednesday.
The shirt factory shipped 120 dozen shirts this week and received orders for 155 dozen.
While enjoying the privileges of their first paroles, Cons. Nos. 531 and 595 were returned to the Reformatory for the violation of the same.
The mechanics repaired a "clutch" on one of the shaftings in the dynamo room, which had been slightly worn down by the compression blocks.
The services of two of our inmate mechanics were called into requision by Ward C last Saturday evening for the purpose of "fixing up" an expansion joint which had contracted from the cold.

Special - REDUCTION Sale! OF RUBBER BOOTS,

Beginning this day and continuing till the entire stock is closed out—at COST.

Men's, Boys', Youths', Children's, Ladies' and Misses', heavy and light weight.

We have also a full and comeplete line of

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Country Produce

taken in exchange for goods at highest market price.

Thanking one and all for past patronage, and soliciting a continuance of the same in the future, I remain,

Respectfully Yours,

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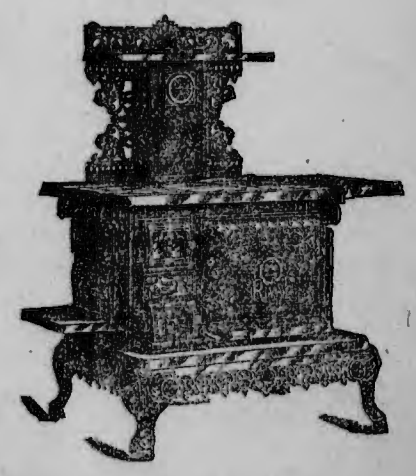

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THE SENATE REORGANIZED.

The Committee Assignments of the Democratic Caucus.

Eleven Chairmanships Are Given to the Republicans.

The Democratic caucus has finished its labors so far as the reorganization of the committee of the United States Senate is concerned. It will be seen that the committee provided chairmanships for Senators Peffer and Kyle, the Populist members, and permitted Senator Stewart, of Nevada, to retain the chairmanship of the Committee on Mines and Mining, which he held under the Republican organization.

Either upon the standing or select committee places were found as chairmen for all the new Democratic Senators. The Republicans get eleven committees, just as many as they gave the Democrats.

The official list as given out by Mr. Gorman is as follows:

Agriculture—George, Chairman; Bate, Ranson, Peffer, Roach. Republicans, 3.

Appropriations — Cockrell, Chairman; Call, Gorman, Blackburn, Brice. Republicans, 4.

Contingent Expenses — White, of Louisiana, Chairman; Camden. Republicans, 1.

Census—Turpie, Chairman; Berry, White (California), Murphy, Peffer. Republicans, 4.

Civil Service—Call, Chairman; Walthall, Gordon, Irby. Republicans, 4.

Claims—Pasco, Chairman; Daniel, Berry, Caffery, Allen (Nebraska). Republicans, 4.

Coast Defences—Gordon, Chairman; Irby, Mills, White (California), Smith. Republicans, 4.

Commerce—Ransom, Chairman; Coke, Vest, Gorman, White (Louisiana), White (California), Murphy. Republicans, 6.

District of Columbia—Harris, Chairman; Faulkner, Gibson, Hunton, Smith, Martin. Republicans, 5.

Education—Kyle, Chairman; George, Hunton, Caffery, Murphy. Republicans, 4.

Engrossed Bills—Mr. ——, Chairman; Cockrell, Martin. Republicans, 1 (Chairman).

Enrolled Bills—Caffery, Chairman; Mitchell (Wisconsin). Republicans, 2.

Epidemic Diseases—Mr. ——, Chairman; ——, ——, Harris, Irby, White (Louisiana). Republicans, 4 (Chairman).

To Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service — Peffer, Chairman; Gray, Vilas. Republicans, 2.

Finance—Voorhees, Chairman; McPherson, Harris, Vance, Vest, Jones (Arkansas). Republicans, 5.

Fisheries—Coke, Chairman; Call, Gibson, Hill, Mitchell (Wisconsin). Republicans, 4.

Foreign Relations — Morgan, Chairman; Butler, Gray, Turpie, Daniel. Republicans, 4.

Immigration—Hill, Chairman; Vorhees, McPherson, Faulkner, Peffer. Republicans, 4.

Improvement of Mississippi River—Bate, Chairman; Walthall, Palmer, Peffer. Republicans, 3.

Indian Affairs—Jones (Arkansas), Chairman; Morgan, Smith, Roach, Allen (Nebraska). Republicans, 4.

Inter-State Commerce—Butler, Chairman; Gorman, Brice, White (Louisiana), Camden, Lindsay. Republicans, 5.

Irrigation and Reclamation of Arid Lands—White (California), Chairman; Jones (Arkansas), Kyle, Roach. Republicans, 4.

Judiciary — Pugh, Chairman; Coke, George, Vilas, Hill, Lindsay. Republicans, 5.

Library—Mills, Chairman Voorhees. Republicans, 1.

Manufactures—Gibson, Chairman; Smith, Caffery. Republicans, 2.

Military Affairs—Walthall, Chairman. Cockrell, Bate, Palmer, Mitchell (Wisconsin). Republicans, 4.

Mines—Stewart, Chairman; Bate, Call, Irby, Mills. Republicans, 4.

Naval Affairs—McPherson, Chairman; Butler, Blackburn, Gibson, Camden. Republicans, 4.

Expenditures of Executive Departments—Smith, Chairman; Cockrell, Hill, Walthall, Caffery. Republicans, 4.

Patents—Gray, Chairman; Kyle, Mills, Berry. Republicans, 4.

Pensions—Palmer, Chairman; Brice, Vilas, Camden, Caffery. Republicans, 4.

Postoffices and Post Roads—Colquitt, Chairman; Vilas, Irby, Mills, Hunton, Hill. Republicans, 5.

Printing—Gorman, Chairman; Ransom. Republicans, 1.

Private Land Claims—Mr. ——, Chairman, ——, ——, Ransom, Colquitt, Pasco, Berry. Republicans, 3 (Chairman).

Privileges and Elections—Mr. Vance, Chairman; Gray, Pugh, Turpie, Palmer. Republicans, 4.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Vest, Chairman; Daniel, Pasco, Brice, Gordon. Republicans, 4.

Public Lands—Berry, Chairman, Walthall, Pasco, Vilas, Martin, Allen (Nebraska). Republicans, 5.

Railroads—Camden, Chairman, Berry, Gordon, Palmer, Martin. Republicans, 5.

Relations with Canada—Murphy, Chairman; Pugh, Colquitt, Hunton, Mitchell (Wisconsin). Republicans, 4.

Revision of the Laws—Daniel, Chairman; Call, Lindsay. Republicans, 2.

Revolutionary Claims—Mr. ——, Chairman; ——, ——, Coke, Pugh. Republicans, 3 (Chairman).

Rules—Blackburn, Chairman; Harris, Gorman. Republicans, 2.

Territories—Faulkner, Chairman; Hill, Blackburn, Bate, Call, White (California). Republicans, 5.

Transportation, Routes to the Seaboard—Irby, Chairman; George, Turpie, Gordon. Republicans, 4.

Pacific Railroads—Brice, Chairman; Morgan, Faulkner, White (Louisiana), Murphy. Republicans, 4.

Indian Depredations—Lindsay, Chairman; Faulkner, Kyle, White (Louisiana), Cockrell. Republicans, 4.

Select Committees.

To Investigate Potomac River Front—Mr. ——Chairman; ——, ——, McPherson, Ransom, Hunton. Republicans, 3 (Chairman).

To Inquire Into Claims Against Nicaragua—Mr. ——, Chairman; ——, ——, Morgan, Palmer. Republicans, 3 (Chairman).

Woman's Suffrage—Mr. ——, Chairman; ——, Vance, George, Blackburn, McPherson. Republicans, 2 (Chairman).

Additional Accommodations for Library of Congress—Mr. ——, Chairman; ——, Vorhees, Butler, Pugh. Republicans, 2 (Chairman).

On the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians—Mr. ——, Chairman; ——, Vest, Coke, Allen (Nebraska). Republicans, 2 (Chairman).

To Establish the University of the United States—Hunton, Chairman; Kyle, Vance, Jones (Arkansas), Turpie. Republicans, 4.

Quadro-centennial — Vilas, Chairman; Colquitt, Vest, Gray, Daniel, Gibson, Voorhees, Lindsay. Republicans, 6.

To Investigate the Geological Survey—Martin, Chairman; Jones (Arkansas). Republicans, 2.

National Banks—Mitchell (Wisconsin), Chairman; Vance, Colquitt. Republicans, 1.

On Forest Reservation—Allen (Nebraska), Chairman; Kyle, Morgan. Republicans, 1.

Corporations in the District of Columbia—Mr. ——, Chairman; ——, Gorman, Brice, Harris. Republicans, 2 (Chairman).

To Investigate Trespassers Upon Indian Lands—Roach, Chairman; Butler. Republicans, 1.

This list is complete with the exception of the assignment of the Senator from Wyoming, and that place has been left vacant until the member is sworn in.

JULES FERRY DEAD.

The Eminent French Statesman Passes Away Very Suddenly.

JULES FERRY.

Jules Ferry, the newly-elected President of the French Senate, died suddenly at Paris a few days ago. The news of his demise was a great shock, as few knew that he had been ill.

Jules Ferry was born at Saint Die, in the Vosges, on April 5, 1832, and became a member of the bar in Paris in 1851. He was prominent among the young lawyers who offered constant opposition to Napoleon III. and was condemned at the famous trial of the Thirteen in 1864. In 1869 Ferry was elected to the Corps Legislatif and took his seat among the members of the Left. He was one of the few deputies who voted against the declaration of war against Prussia, and was one of the members of the Government of the National Defence in 1870. After the resignation of Marshal McMahon in 1879 President Grevy made M. Ferry Minister of Public Instruction. It was as such that Ferry brought forward his famous bill to keep the Jesuits from teaching or managing schools. In 1880 the Prime Minister, M. De Freycinct, authorized an insertion in Ferry's bill of the clause leveled against the religious orders. This led to the expulsion of the Jesuits from France and the resignation of three Cabinet ministers. The Ministry was upset on September 19, 1880. Ferry's ministry was upset by the attacks upon the Tunis expedition. After the fall of Falliere's ministry Ferry once more formed a Cabinet, whose principal policy was the colonial expansion of France, embodied in the invasion of Tonquin. Ferry was overthrown by a vote of the Chambers in 1884 and only reappeared in public life when elected President of the Senate.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

In Iceland there are 73,000 people.

The Kansas wheat outlook is poor.

There are 2,331,128 mules in this country.

The annual appropriations for pensions is now $166 531,450.

Wall street "bears" say that 1893 will be a "bear" year.

The Southern strawberry crop is going to be very large this year.

Melting snow and heavy rains are causing a great deal of damage.

Nearly 7000 Russian convicts have been sent to Siberia since April, 1892.

It is estimated that there are 60,000 miles of irrigation ditches in Colorado.

The Salvation Army will build a $50,000 barracks on a $200,000 lot at New York City.

Sixty-one naval officers will go on the retired list during President Cleveland's term.

Russia has given notice of a purpose to establish a protective zone around her Bering Sea territory.

Admiral Gherardi has decided to use the cruiser Philadelphia as his flagship during the naval review.

New Zealand has twenty-one meat freezing works, capable of yearly dealing with 4,000,000 sheep.

The first consignment of frozen Australian meat has just been sold in the Berlin market for about ten cents per pound.

The latest development in the agrarian question in Germany is the Government's proposal to establish a chamber of agriculture.

Venezuela has chartered a banking scheme with features similar to the subtreasury idea agitated in this country last year.

The forestry exhibit to be sent to the Columbian Exposition from Massachusetts has been completed. It comprises forty-seven varieties of trees.

A statement of imports and exports for the first seven months of the current fiscal year shows a large balance of trade against the United States.

At a meeting in London Derry 30,000 women of all classes, from all parts of Northwest Ireland protested against home rule. Ulster Unionists are in earnest in their threats of civil war because of the home rule agitation. A firm in Ulster recently ordered 100,000 Martini rifles from English manufacturers.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Miss Edith Train, candidates on a woman's ticket, were elected school directors at Fort Dodge, Iowa. The men ran two tickets and both were badly beaten. Mrs. Thomas and Miss Train, accompanied by some friends, made a tour of the polling booths and did considerable electioneering.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN SPAIN.

Twenty-one Persons Known to Have Perished.

Fire started in a pastrycook's shop in St. Sebastian, Spain. A keg of spirits exploded and spread the fire to the adjoining houses, which were densely tenanted. All the occupants were sleeping, and the flames were around them before they could be warned.

Two families on the top floor of a four-story house were suffocated in their beds. Fifteen persons jumped from the windows. Ten of them were killed and three received mortal injuries. Twenty-one persons were known to have perished, and several others were believed to have been burned or crushed in the ruins.

LATER NEWS.

Two large three story frame houses were burned to the ground at Bristol, Penn. Mrs. Margarette Brooks, eighty-three years old, the mother of Mr. Brooks, and two adopted boys were all burned to death.

There was an explosion a mile east of Scarsdale, N. Y., by which two Italians, John Nicholas and Joseph Bartilono, were instantly killed. It occurred in a shop on the Harlem Railroad.

Tremont Temple in Boston, Mass., the famous place of worship of Baptists, was totally destroyed by fire, and the Parker House, which adjoins, was damaged $50,000 by water. The loss on the Temple was $400,000.

Labor men became greatly excited over the action of Judge Ricks in Toledo, Ohio, in enjoining the Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen not only from ordering a strike and boycott on Ann Arbor freight, but from quitting work individually without notice. The Court ordered Chief Arthur to declare the rules of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of no effect.

Ex-United States Senator David H. Armstrong died in St. Louis, Mo., a few days since. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1813.

Jesse Jones, one of a crowd of desperadoes concerned in the murder of Sheriff Burnett near Newcomb, was taken from jail in Jacksboro, Tenn., by lynchers and hanged.

A largely attended meeting of the bar of the United States Supreme Court was held in the court room to express the regret of the bar at the death of the late Justice Lamar. Senator Vilas presided. Senators George Walthall and Mitchell, of Oregon, and Representatives Catchings and John Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, delivered eulogies.

The first conscience contribution received under this Administration has just reached the Treasury Department. It came from Mifflinton, Penn., and amounted to $25.

WAR SHIPS FOR JAPAN.

The Emperor Donates $300,000 a Year to Help Build the Navy.

The principal topic in Japan is the outcome of the petition to the Emperor by the members of the House of Representatives against the Government's fiscal policy, especially the proposed expenditure of large sums of money in connection with the navy. The Emperor in his reply upholds the Government policy, but, to soothe the petitioners, donates $300,000 a year for six years out of his private income, and directs Government officials to contribute ten per cent. of their salaries toward a fund for building war ships.

The magnanimity of the Emperor's act has created a profound impression, and members of Parliament and private wealthy persons are voluntarily contributing large sums toward the same purpose.

KILLED BY A FANATIC.

He Strangles a Girl to Show His Power to Bring Her to Life.

An Anabaptist fanatic has been arrested in Latrig, Government of Saratoff, Russia, for having murdered a girl of fourteen years. He had been preaching before a roomful of people in a private house concerning his power to raise the dead.

At the end of his sermon he strangled the girl with the consent of her parents, in order that he might demonstrate his pretended ability to bring her back to life. After prayers and exhortations had continued for two hours the parents of the girl became convinced that he was an impostor, and complained to the authorities, who locked him up.

DREADFUL REVENGE.

A Miner Blows to Atoms Himself and Six Comrades.

A miner named Boehme purposely exploded ten pounds of dynamite in the iron mine, Volkmarskeller, in the Harz District of Germany. He and six other miners were torn to atoms. Upon leaving home that morning Boehme gave his wife a letter which he said was not to be opened until noon.

The letter said merely that he would never return. His motive is supposed to have been revenge, as he had had trouble with the Superintendent of the mine and was constantly quarreling with his fellow workmen.

CINGALESE STRIKE.

Workmen at the World's Fair Scorn $7 a Month.

The Cingalese workmen at the World's Fair, Chicago, Ill., went on strike against their employers, who have charge of the Ceylon exhibit. The men were hired in Ceylon for thirty rupees per month, which is about $7 in American money.

They thought thirty rupees was a big sum until they gained an idea of what workmen received in this country. They have been here only two weeks, but they followed the proper programme and struck.

Then they appointed a committee to see what the boss was going to do about it. They were offered forty rupees.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Experimenting in the South With a New Variety.

The Egyptian cotton seed, which was purchased by ex-Secretary Rusk through the United States Consul General at Cairo, Egypt, has been received at the Department of Agriculture, at Washington.

The purpose of this importation of seed is, with the co-operation of the experiment stations in the cotton States, to experiment with a view to producing a cotton of home growth, which may serve as a substitute for the Egyptian, of which during the last fiscal year more than $3,000,000 worth was imported into this country.

BY A SHARPSHOOTER.

A Private Who Had Killed His Guard Shot While Escaping.

As the result of a row at Fort Russell, four miles from Cheyenne, Wyoming, the bodies of two privates had to be placed in the garrison morgue. They were those of Privates Herman Ungerer and George Jones. The latter murdered the former, and was killed while attempting to escape.

Ungerer was doing guard duty, and had Jones and Spaulding, another prisoner, working in a corral some distance from the fort. Suddenly Jones gave a yell, and brandishing an army revolver which he had been carrying under his shirt, rushed upon Ungerer, saying: "You have been trying to get an excuse to assassinate me."

Ungerer brought his rifle up and fired, with Jones not twenty yards away. The bullet whizzed over the prisoner's head. Jones rushed on, and at fifteen yards shot the guard in the centre of the forehead. Jones then rushed at Spaulding, who ran to the fort.

When the alarm was given Jones could be seen in the hills. He was striking into a country full of barbed wire fences. Captain Roberts, officer of the day, put a dozen marksmen on the trail, and the Sheriff of Cheyenne sent five deputies out. After an exciting chase two of the soldiers, "Yank" Meyers, of the army rifle team and "Frenchy" Robinson, came upon Jones four miles from Russell. They called to him to halt, and he turned and fired at them three times.

Meyers, who is weighted down with medals captured at the butts, fired first and missed. Robinson took careful aim and Jones fell. He was dead in two minutes. Robinson had cut the jugular vein. They made a lion out of Robinson at the fort. Some of the Fort Russell people say that Jones was crazy. He was about to leave on a furlough and was taking away a saddle he had stolen.

Jesse Griffith, a bachelor, died in Huntington, Ind., four years ago, leaving $600,000. One of the heirs was John Graves. Attorneys started a hunt for him, and newspapers the country over advertised for him. Over a hundred persons claimed to be John Graves, but were proved frauds. The other day Graves appeared after twenty-one years absence, and was fully identified.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, 1892, choice	$2 40	@	$2 45
Medium, 1892, choice	2 15	@	2 20
Pea, 1892, choice	2 17½	@	2 20
Red kidney, 1892, choice	2 75	@	2 95
Red kidney, poor to fair	—	@	—
Lima, Cal., per bush	2 20	@	2 25
Green peas, 1892, per bbl.	—	@	2 05
BUTTER.			
Creamery—St. & Penn., extra	28½	@	29
St. & Penn., firsts	—	@	—
Western, firsts	26	@	27
Western, seconds	24	@	25
Western, thirds	21	@	23
State dairy—half tubs, and pails, extras	27	@	27½
Half tubs and pails, 1sts.	25	@	26
Half tubs and pails, 2ds.	23	@	24
Welsh tubs, extras	—	@	—
Welsh tubs, 1sts	25	@	25½
Welsh tubs, 2ds	23	@	24
Western—Im. creamery, 1sts	23	@	24
W. Im. creamery, 2ds	20	@	21½
W. Im. creamery, 3ds	18	@	19
Western Factory, fresh, firsts	20	@	21
W. Factory, seconds	18	@	19
W. Factory and dairy, 3ds	17	@	17½
CHEESE.			
State factory—Full cream, white, fancy	11¾	@	13
Full cream, colored, fancy	11¾	@	12
Full cream, good to prime	10¾	@	11¼
Part skims, choice	10½	@	—
Part skims, good to prime	8	@	9½
Part skims, common	3	@	7
Full skims	1	@	2
EGGS.			
State and Penn—Fresh	16½	@	—
Western—Fresh, fancy	—	@	16½
Limed—State,	—	@	—
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples—King, per bbl.	—	@	—
Baldwin, per bbl.	2 75	@	3 25
Greening, per bbl.	2 75	@	3 25
Grapes, up river, Del., 5 lb.	—	@	—
W. N. Y., fresh, 5 lb.	12	@	20
W. N. Y., inferior, 5 lb.	—	@	—
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl.	8 00	@	12 00
HOPS.			
State—1892, fair to choice	22	@	—
1891, prime	16	@	19
1892, common to good	18	@	20½
Old odds	6	@	10
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls—Jersey, State, Penn.	12	@	—
Western, per lb.	—	@	12
Chickens, local, lb.	11	@	11½
Western per lb.	—	@	11
Roosters, old, per lb.	7	@	7½
Turkeys, per lb.	11	@	12
Ducks—N. J., N. Y., Penn., per pair	80	@	1 00
Western, per pair	70	@	90
Geese, Western, per pair	1 37	@	1 75
Pigeons, per pair	45	@	50
DRESSED POULTRY—FRESH KILLED.			
Turkeys, per lb.	13	@	16
Chickens—Phila., per lb.	16	@	19
Western, per lb.	12	@	12½
Fowls—St. and West., per lb	12	@	12½
Ducks—Fair to fancy, per lb	10	@	14
Eastern, per lb	—	@	—
Spring, L. I., per lb.	—	@	—
Geese—Western, per lb.	6	@	11
Squabs—Dark, per doz.	3 00	@	3 50
White, per doz.	4 25	@	4 50
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes—State, per bbl.	2 25	@	2 50
Jersey, prime, per bbl.	2 25	@	2 50
Jersey, inferior, per bbl.	1 50	@	2 00
L. I., in bulk, per bbl.	2 50	@	2 62
Cabbage, L. I., per 100	6 00	@	10 00
Onions—Eastern, yellow, bbl.	3 50	@	3 75
Eastern, red, per bbl.	3 25	@	3 50
State, per bbl.	3 25	@	3 50
Squash—Marrow, per barrel	2 50	@	2 75
Sweet potatoes, Va., per bbl.	—	@	—
South Jersey, per bbl.	3 00	@	4 50
Celery, near by, doz. bunches	1 50	@	2 00
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—City Mill Extra	—	@	—
Patents	4 40	@	4 60
Wheat—No. 2 Red	75	@	75½
Rye—State	—	@	—
Barley—Two-rowed State	65	@	67
Corn—Ungraded Mixed	—	@	—
Oats—No. 2 White	—	@	45
Mixed Western	39	@	41
Hay—Good to Choice	70	@	95
Straw—Long Rye	65	@	70
Lard—City Steam	10.75c.	@	11.00c
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, City dressed	7½	@	9½
Milch Cows, com. to good	30 00	@	50 00
Calves, City dressed	7	@	12
Sheep, per 100 lbs	5 00	@	5 75
Lambs, per lb	5	@	6¾
Hogs—Live, per 100 lbs	7 90	@	8 25
Dressed	9¼	@	10¾

Ocean.

I've often looked upon thy foaming wave,
And listened to thy voice, Old Ocean,
And heard with keen delight thy billows lave
The rock-girt shore in wild commotion.
To me there is a music sweeter far,
In the dull splashings of thy waters,
Than that evoked from viol or guitar
By any of our radiant daughters.

And I have thought how powerless was man,
And laughed whene'er he sought to pinion
Thy mighty arms, for since the world began
Thou hast been master, he the minion.
At times I've seen him launch upon thy breast,
And birdlike skim the crested billow,
But ere the Eastern sun illumined the West
He slept upon a nameless pillow.

Of his once proud bark but a single mast
Remained to chronicle his story;
Millions shall tread in the way of the last
Before thy dripping locks are hoary.
All else may proud man in his onward sweep
Overcome, be it sooner or later;
But thou art tameless, awake or asleep;
He may be great, but thou art greater.

—[St. George Best.

HUMOROUS.

An acquired taste—A kiss.

If you must be dogmatic, try not to be bull-dogmatic.

A figure of speech—The lecturer's compensation.

"My time is not my own," said the pickpocket, as he donned the stolen watch.

"I have a grate future before me," said the grocer who was purchasing nutmegs.

"A narrow escape," exclaimed the prisoner as he made his exit between the bars of his cell.

Every boy has an idea that if his father had lived at the right time he would have thrashed Goliath.

"What would you do if you found yourself in a 'dead-lock?'" "Why, get out of it with a 'skeleton key,' of course."

Cholly's Gallantry.—Little Willie—My sister says you're awful soft. Cholly—That's because I'm utterly mashed, Willie.

A hungry tramp, to get a bite
And raise a half-a-dollar,
Collared the bone of a little dog
And boned the poor dog's collar.

She — That's predjudice. Why wouldn't you marry a shop girl? He—Oh, she'd be always calling for cash, you know.

It is wonderful how well the world gets on, considering how many people there are who do nothing toward helping it along.

Visitor—What have you got an electric bell here in the kitchen for? Cook—Silly girl! Why, it's to call my missus when I want her.

"Have you ever had fever and ague in these flats? Landlord—Yes, sir-ree; There isn't a modern improvement you can mention but we have.

"There!" exclaimed the fair syndicatress, "I think this article will fill a long-felt want." "What is the title, dear?" "How to Manage a Son-in-law."

Judge—Shame on you, Macnamara, for appearing so many times in court. Prisoner—Begosh, your honor, I am not here so often as yer honor is, anyway."

"Do you think, Schmidt, that your affection for Fraulein Goldstein is reciprocated?" "I really can't say; I am loving her at the present time on credit."

She said he was her idol ere
The ceremonies bridal,
And now since he won't work a bit,
She calls him still her "idle."

Walter Ego—You musn't believe everything you hear about me. Gladys Gone—Of course not. I never hear anything about you except what you tell me.

"I try to love my neighbor," said Mr. Meekins, as he gazed disconsolately out into the rain, "but it's a hard thing for a man who pays cash for his umbrellas to do."

Bess—I think Queen Victoria must be the richest woman in the world. Tess—Why, dear? Bess—Because every year hundreds of rich American girls are presented to her.

"Your tickets were complimenta[illegible] not?" "Well," re[illegible] seen a [illegible] ment, [illegible] the

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY DISCOURSE.

Subject: "Religion at Home." (Issued at Chicago, Ill.)

TEXT: *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*—Joshua xxiv., 15.

Absurd, Joshua! You will have no time for family religion, you are a military character, and your time will be taken up with affairs connected with the army; you are a statesman, and your time will be taken up with public affairs; you are the Washington, the Wellington, the McMahon of the Israelitish host; you will have a great many questions to settle; you will have no time for religion. But Joshua, with the same voice with which he commanded the sun and moon to halt and stack arms of light on the parade ground of the heavens, says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Before we adopt the resolution of this old soldier we want to be certain it is a wise resolution. If religion is going to put my piano out of tune, and clog the feet of the children racing through the hall, and sour the bread, and put crape on the doorbell, I do not want it in my house. I once gave $6 to hear Jenny Lind warble. I have never given a cent to hear any one groan. Will this religion spoken of in my text do anything for the dining hall, for the nursery, for the parlor, for the sleeping apartment?

It is a great deal easier to invite a disagreeable guest than to get rid of him. If you do not want religion, you had better not ask it to come, for after coming it may stay a great while. Isaac Watts went to visit St. Thomas and Lady Abney at their place in Theobald and was to stay a week and staid thirty-five years, and if religion once gets into your household the probability is it will stay there forever.

Now, the question I want to discuss is, What will religion do for the household? Question the first: What did it do for your father's house if you were brought up in a Christian home?

That whole scene has vanished, but it comes back to-day. The hour for morning prayers came. You were invited in. Somewhat fidgety, you sat and listened. Your father made no pretention to rhetorical reading, and he just went through the chapter in a plain, straightforward way. Then you all knelt. It was about the same prayer morning by morning and night by night, for he had the same sins to ask pardon for, and he had the same blessings, for which to be grateful day after day and year after year.

The prayer was longer than you would like to have had it, for the game at ball was waiting, or the skates were lying under the shed, or the schoolbooks needed one or two more looking at the lessons. Your parents, somewhat rheumatic and stiffened with age, found it difficult to rise from their kneeling. The chair at which they knelt is gone, the Bible out of which they read has perhaps fallen to pieces, the parents are gone, the children scattered north, east, south and west, but that whole scene flashes upon your memory to-day.

Was that morning and evening exercise in your father's house debasing or elevating? Is it not among the most sacred reminiscences? You were not as devotional as some of the older members of your father's house who were kneeling with you at the time, and you did not bow your head as closely as they did, and you looked around and you saw just the posture your father and mother assumed while they were kneeling on the floor. The whole scene is so photographed on your memory that if you were an artist you could draw it now just as they knelt.

For how much would you have that scene obliterated from your memory? It all comes back to-day, and you are in the homestead again. Father is there, mother is there, all of you children are there. It is the same old prayer, opening with the same petition, closing with the same thanksgiving. The family prayers of 1840-50 as fresh in your memory as though they were uttered yesterday. The tear that starts from your eye melts all that scene. Gone, is it? Why, many a time it has held you steady in the struggle of life. You once started for a place, and that memory jerked you back, and you could not enter.

The broken prayer of your father has had more effect on you than all you ever read in Shakespeare and Milton and Tennyson and Dante. You have gone over mountains and across seas. You never for a moment got out of sight of that domestic altar Oh, my friends, is it your opinion this morning that the 10 or 15 minutes substracted from each day for family devotion was an economy or a waste of time in your father's household? I think some of us are coming to the conclusion that the religion which was in our father's house would be a very appropriate religion for our homes. If family prayers did not damage that household, there is no probability that they will damage our household.

"Is God dead?" said a child to her father. "No," he replied. "Why do you ask that?" "Well," she said, "when mother was living, we used to have prayers, but since her death we haven't had family prayers, and I didn't know but that God was dead too." A family that is launched in the morning with family prayers is well launched. Breakfast over, the family scatter, some to school, some to household duties, some to business. During the day there will be a thousand perils abroad—perils of the street car, of the scaffolding, of the ungoverned horse, of the misstep, of the aroused temper, of multitudinous temptations to do wrong.

Somewhere between 7 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night there may be a moment when you will be in urgent need of God. Besides that, family prayers will be a secular advantage. A father went into the war to serve his country. His children stayed and cultivated the farm. His wife prayed. One of the sons said afterward, "Father is fighting, and we are digging, and mother is praying." "Ah," said some one, "praying and digging and fighting will bring us out of our national troubles.

We may pray in the morning, "Give us this day our daily bread," and sit down in idleness and starve to death; but prayer and hard work will give a livelihood to any family. Family religion pays for both worlds. Let us have an altar in each one of our households. You may not be able to formulate a prayer. Then there are Philip Henry's prayers, and there are McDuff's prayers, and there are Philip Doddridge's prayers, and there are the Episcopal church prayers, and there are scores of books with supplications just suited to the domestic circle.

"Oh," says some man, "I don't feel competent to lead my household in prayer." Well, I do not know that it is your duty to lead. I think perhaps it is sometimes better for the mother of the household to lead. She knows better the wants of the household. She can read the Scriptures with a more tender enunciation. She knows more of God. I will put it plainly and say she prays better. Oh, these mothers decide almost everything! Nero's mother was a murderess. Lord Byron's mother was haughty and impious. [illegible] have grieved them from their children.

Walter Scott's mother was fond of poetry. Washington's mother was patriotic. Samuel Budget's mother was a thorough Christian. St. Bernard's mother was noble minded. So you might have guessed from their children. Good men always have good mothers. There may once in ten or twenty years be an exception to the rule, but it is only an exception. Benjamin West's mother kissed him after she had seen his first wonderful sketch with the pencil. Benjamin West afterward said, "That kiss made me a painter."

A young man received a furlough to return from the army to his father's house. Afterward he took the furlough back to the officer, saying, "I would like to postpone my visit for two weeks." At the end of the two weeks he came and got the furlough. He was asked why he waited. "Well," he replied, "When I left home I told my mother I would be a Christian in the army, and I was resolved not to go home until I could answer her first question." Oh, the almost omnipotent power of the mother! But if both the father and the mother be right, then the children are almost sure to be right. The young people may make a wide curve from the straight path, but they are almost sure to come back to the right road. It may not be until the death of one of the parents.

How often it is that we hear some one say, "Oh, he was a wild young man, but since his father's death he has been different!" The fact is that the father's coffin or or the mother's coffin is often the altar of repentance for the child. Oh, that was a stupendous day, the day of father's burial. It was not the officiating clergyman who made the chief impression, nor the sympathizing mourners. It was the father asleep in the casket.

The hands that had toiled for that household so long, folded. The brain cooled off after twenty or forty years of anxiety about how to put that family in right position. The lips closed after so many years of good advice. There are more tears falling in mother's grave than in father's grave, but over the father's tomb I think there is a kind of awe. It is at that marble pillar many a young man has been revolutionized.

Oh, young man with cheek flushed with dissipation! how long is it since you have been out to your father's grave? Will you not go this week? Perhaps the storms of the last few days may have bent the headstone until it leans far over. You had better go out and see whether the lettering has been defaced. You had better go out and see whether the gate of the lot is closed. You had better go and see if you cannot find a sermon in the springing grass. Oh, young man, go out this week and see your father's grave!

Religion did so much for our Christian ancestry, are we not ready this morning to be willing to receive it into our own households? If we do receive it, let it come through the front door, not through the back door. In other words, do not let us smuggle it in. There are a great many families who want to be religious, but they do not want anybody outside to know it. They would be mortified to death if you caught them at their family prayers. They would not sing in the worship for fear the neighbors would hear them. They do not have prayers when they have company.

They do not know much about the nobility of the western trapper. A traveler going along was overtaken by night and a storm, and he entered a cabin. There were firearms hung up around the cabin. He was alarmed. He had a large amount of money with him, but he did not dare to venture on into the night in the storm. He did not like the looks of the household. After awhile the father, the western trapper, came in, gun on shoulder, and when the traveler looked at him he was still more affrighted.

After awhile the family were whispering together in one corner of the room, and the traveler thought to himself: "Oh! now my time has come; I wish I was out in the storm and in the night rather than here." But the swarthy man came up to him and said: "Sir, we are a rough people; we get our living by hunting, and we are very tired when the night comes; but before going to bed we always have a habit of reading a little out of the Bible and having prayers, and I think we will have our usual custom to-night, and if you don't believe in that kind of thing if you will just step outside the door for a little while I will be much obliged to you."

Oh! there are many Christian parents who have not half the courage of that western trapper. They do not want their religion projecting too conspicuously. They would like to have it near by so as to call on it in case of a funeral, but as to having it dominant in the household from the 1st of January, 7 o'clock a. m., to the 31st of December, 10 o'clock p. m., they do not want it. They would rather die and have their families perish with them than to cry out in the bold words of the soldier in my text, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

There was, in my ancestral line, an incident so strangely impressive that it seems more like romance than reality. It has sometimes been so inaccurately put forth that I now give you the true incident. My grandfather and grandmother, living at Somerville, N. J., went to Baskinridge to witness a revival under the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Finley. They came home so impressed with what they had seen that they resolved on the salvation of their children.

The young people of the house were to go off for an evening party, and my grandmother said:

"Now, when you are all ready for the party, come to my room, for I have something very important to tell you." All ready for departure, they came to her room, and she said to them, "Now, I want you to remember, while you are away this evening, that I am all the time in this room praying for your salvation, and I shall not cease praying until you get back." The young people went to the party, but amid the loudest hilarities of the night they could not forget that their mother was praying for them. The evening passed, and the night passed.

The next day my grandparents heard an outcry in an adjoining room, and they went in and found their daughter imploring the salvation of the gospel. The daughter told them that her brothers were at the barn and at the wagon house under powerful conviction of sin. They went to the barn. They found my Uncle Jehiah, who afterward became a minister of the gospel, crying to God for mercy. They went to the wagon house. They found their son David, who afterward became my father, imploring God's pardon and mercy. Before a great while the whole family were saved, and David went and told the story to a young woman to whom he was affianced, who as a result of the story became a Christian, and from her own lips—my mother's—I have received the incident.

The story of that converted household ran through all the neighborhood from family to family until the whole region was whelmed with religious awakening, and at the next communion in the village church at Somerville over 200 souls stood up to profess the faith of the gospel. My mother, carrying the memory of this scene from early womanhood into further life, in after years was resolved upon the salvation of her children, and for many years every week she met three other Christian mothers to pray for the salvation of their families. I think that all the members of those families were saved—myself, the youngest and last.

There were 12 of us children. I trace the whole line of mercy back to that hour when my Christian grandmother sat in her room imploring the blessing of God upon her children. Nine of her descendants became preachers of the gospel. Many of her descendants are in heaven, many of them still in the Christian conflict. Did it pay for her to spend the whole evening in prayer for her household? Ask her before the throne of God, surrounded by her children. In the presence of the Christian church to-day I make this record of ancestral piety. Oh, there is a beauty, and a tenderness, and a sublimity in family religion!

There are but four or five pictures in the old family Bible that I inherited, but Dore never illustrated a Bible as that book is illustrated to my eyes. Through it I can see into marriages and burials, joys and sorrows, meetings and partings, Thanksgiving days and Christian festivals, cradles and deathbeds. Old old book, speak out and tell of the sorrows comforted and of the dying hours irradiated. Old, old book, the hands that held thee are ashes, the eyes that persued thee are closed. What a pillar thou wouldst make for a dying head. I salute all the memories of the past when I press it to my heart and when I press it to my lips.

Oh, that family Bible! The New Testament in small type is not worthy of being called by that name. Have a whole Bible in large type, with the family record of marriages and births and deaths. What if the curious should turn over the leaves to see how old you are? You are younger now than you will ever be again. The curious will find out from those with whom you have played in your childhood how old you are. Have a family Bible. It will go down from generation to generation, full of holy memories. A hundred years after you are dead it will be a benediction to those who come after you. Other books, worn out or fallen apart, will be flung to the garret or the cellar, but this will be inviolate, and it will be your protest for centuries against iniquity and in behalf of righteousness.

Oh, when we see what family religion did for our father's household, do we not want it to come into the dining-room to break the bread, into the nursery to bless the young, into the parlor to purify the socialities, into the library to control the reading, into the bedroom to hallow the slumber, into the hall to watch our going out and our coming in? Aye, there are hundreds of voices in this house ready to cry out: "Yes! Yes! As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

There are two arms to this subject. The one arm puts its hand on all parents. It says to them: "Don't interfere with your children's welfare, don't interfere with their eternal happiness, don't you by anything you do put out your foot and trip them into ruin. Start them under the shelter, the insurance, the everlasting help of Christian parentage. Catechisms will not have them, though catechisms are good. The rod will not save them, though the rod may be necessary. Lessons of virtue will not save them, though they are very important. Becoming a through and through, up and down, out and out Christian yourself will make them Christians."

The other arm of this subject puts its hand upon those who had a pious bringing up, but who as yet have disappointed the expectations excited in regard to them. I said that children brought up in Christian households, though they might make a wide curve, were very apt to come back to the straight path. Have you not been curving out long enough, and is it not most time for you to begin to curve in?

"Oh," you say, "they were too rigid." Well now, my brother, I think you have a pretty good character considering what you say your parents were. Do not boast too much about the style in which your parents brought you up. Might it not be possible that you would be an exception to the general rule laid down, and that you might spend your eternity in a different world from that in which your parents are spending theirs?

I feel anxious about you; you feel anxious about yourself. Oh, cross over into the right path. If your parents prayed for you twice a day, each of them twice a day for 20 years, that would make 29,000 prayers for you. Think of them!

By the memory of the cradle in which your childhood was rocked with the foot that long ago ceased to move, by the crib in which your own children slumber night by night under God's protecting care, by the two graves in which sleep those two old hearts that beat with love so long for your welfare, and by the two graves in which you, now the living father and mother, will find your last repose, I urge you to the discharge of your duty.

> Though parents may in covenant be
> And have their heaven in view,
> They are not happy till they see
> Their children happy too.

Oh, you departed Christian ancestry, fathers and mothers in glory, bend from the skies to [illegible] and give new emphasis to what you took us on earth with many tears and anxieties! Keep a place for us by your blissful side, for to-day, in the presence of earth and heaven and hell, and by the help of the cross and amid overwhelming and gracious memories, we resolve, each one for himself, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

WHEN the printers put $75,000 into a home for the aged and sick of their craft, the wisdom and humanity of the scheme was everywhere commended, as it deserved to be. The Home was erected at Colorado Springs, one of the most picturesque, as well as the most central point, that could have been chosen, and a place where the climatic conditions are favorable beyond any that could have been elsewhere secured. After the building has been finished and fitted, the time is late for attacks to be made. Yet an envious thrust at the home comes from New Mexico. It pretends to be based upon the allegation that printers are dying rapidly at the new institution. There is nothing surprising in the circumstance that men worn out by long lives of toil should die, and where they have been gathered from every quarter of the land, largely by reason of illness, the mortality rate of the aggregate must necessarily be high. This does not, however, constitute any reason for aspersions upon the purposes of the home or the good judgment that resulted in placing it where it is.

THE Czar is likely to announce himself as Emperor of Asia. If he does there will be an imperial coolness between Victoria, by the grace of God Empress of India, and himself.

FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

SHEEP FOR ROUGH LAND.

There is much rocky and otherwise rough land that will pay better to seed down and keep stocked with sheep than it will to plow and cultivate. On such land plowing is difficult, and when the land is plowed the washing by rains soon destroys what fertility it possesses. Sheep will do better on such land than they will on that which is soft and mucky, and the land pastured by sheep constantly grows richer.—[Boston Cultivator.

THE PLANT FOR GREEN MANURING.

The plant to be grown exclusively for green manuring is one that we can use as a stolen crop on land that has already produced a crop for the season or is growing one. It is doubtless hard to find in connection with the ordinary crops of the farm or usual rotations. A New Jersey farmer, writing in this connection to the Country Gentleman, says:

"I am inclined to think that crimson clover fills the bill. It fits in with my system of partial soiling, sown after early potatoes on my first crop of soiling corn and is harvested the ensuing season in time for a second planting of corn or a crop of Hungarian grass. We sow it the last of August. Experience with it in two years of drought, indicates that it may be sown safely with us on the 1st of September, if not as late as the middle of that month. It is a more vigorous grower than ordinary clover. I have scarcely had experience enough to fix its time of maturity further than to say it would give a big crop for ploughing under about the 1st of June."

METHODS OF TRAINING GRAPEVINES.

There are several methods of training grapevines. The most recent practice, however, is the use of a single post set ten feet apart, with crossarms four feet long projecting on each side six feet above the ground. A vine is set on each side of each post and the canes are trained to wires stretched along the crossarms from the ends, thus forming a kind of horizontal trellis. The canes are trained in a waving direction back and forth to the wires, so that the fruit is all borne overhead. This affords abundant exposure to the air under the foliage and shade for the fruit from the sun. The stem is kept clear of canes below the arms. This is a modification of the method practiced in the French vineyards, in which the vines are kept low and not more than three feet above the ground, and the bearing canes are trained on horizontal frames set on short posts. This plan is adopted for the advantage of the reflected heat of the sun from the soil. In this system the vines are planted only four feet apart in rows eight feet from each other. The fruit is gathered more easily, and all the work done is less laborious than with the higher training. — [New York Times.

AGAINST CRUELTY TO COWS.

Are men to allow greed to so dominate them as to obliterate thought of the comfort and the health of the brutes under their charge? Men may regard cattle as mere machines, but the fact remains that they are of a sensitive organization, capable of suffering and enjoyment, and that to a degree too often lost sight of. The idea that it is just as well for a cow, either in point of comfort of health, to be tied up six months with no exercise, is contrary to all physiological teaching, that nutritious food, light and exercise are necessary to the maintenance of health and to a full development. Give cows chance to go out in the sunlight of the warm days in winter and see how quickly they go, and see the real enjoyment depicted on their expressive faces.

Even though the milk flow may be somewhat lessened, will not what is lost in quantity be made up in quality? At any rate I am sure I would rather eat dairy products of strong, healthy cows than that of those weakened and enervated by close confinement and unnatural food, such as would be an exclusive diet of corn meal. It is not necessary, in order to give them a little exercise and sunlight, to range over an extensive area; let them out in an ordinary sized yard, and that will not do traveling sufficient to waste any great amount of energy.—[Farm, Stock and Home.

MILK FOR FATTENING FOWLS.

What a different taste a fine, nicely and quickly fatted fowl has when served on the table compared to one which has been forced to scratch for all its living and then be consigned to the spit in anything but a fit condition for food. Farmers realize the importance of fattening quickly when feeding beeves for the butcher, yet many do not realize the fact that what holds good with that kind of meat is equally true when applied to fowls. Tenderness and juciness are results of fattening quickly, while mere ordinary flavor and want of tenderness result from letting fowls run until wanted for use on the table.

To enable one to fatten fowls or chicks quickly it is absolutely necessary to give such food as will accomplish the purpose best, and to this end we unhesitatingly recommend plenty of milk in any state, from fresh to thick. This should be fed in connection with a grain diet, for one counteracts any possible deleterious influence of the other. If kept in a darkened place and fed unsparingly on milk, with grain food in the proper proportions, you will soon have something very choice to offer upon your tables to your friends as well as to your family. When milk is fed no water is required for fattening fowls. —[American Poultry Yard.

MARKETING POULTRY.

The marketing of poultry, as well as every farm product should be more carefully done, getting each product to the consumer and giving him advantage of a portion of the profits the middleman scalps. You will win his friendship, good will and respect, and, what is best of all, his patronage continually. Seek the better class of customers, rich city families wanting a choice pair or dozen chickens each week, or a regular supply of strictly fresh farm eggs at prices that are the market, or above it in some cases. Even at market prices your profits will be yours and not the middleman's. Do you not see? You will be surprised to see how many people want the best poultry and eggs, and are always willing to pay top prices. They want to be sure of what they are getting. Once your honesty is proven to them you are sure of poultry becoming remunerative and a great pleasure. Besides the private consumer the better class of cafes, hotels, restaurants and hospitals should command your attention, as they usually pay good prices for the gilt edged fowl or fruit of the hen, both of which can be produced cheaply and successfully by any intelligent farmer who will give the same attention and energy he devotes to his farm.—[American Dairyman.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

Ducks are hardy, free from vermin, and are liable to few diseases.

Chicks do not require food until they are twenty-four hours old.

Arrange the drinking vessels so that the young fowls will not get their feet wet.

Contentment, rest and plenty of proper food are the best aids in fattening fowls.

If fed and kept comfortable, ducklings will be ready for market when eight weeks old.

It will be found a good plan to empty the water vessels for poultry regularly at night.

Scaly leg is contagious, and a single fowl affected with it will soon affect every fowl in the yard.

Occasionally giving milk with powdered charcoal in it will help to whiten the flesh of fowls.

On the farm good management, good facilities and good markets are of more importance than the breed of fowls kept.

The chicks of all breeds are nearly of the same size until they weigh a pound, so that for broilers breed counts but little.

Giving a little bone meal in their food is one of the best remedies for leg weakness. It is not necessarily a dangerous disease.

Giving too much stimulating food often causes over egg production, and the consequence is that they will be inferior hatchers, weak chicks and inferior stock.

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Ash, Hugh Strain, J. H. Price, F. W. Curry, A. D. Meloy, J. H. Dougherty. Augustine S. Fasic, Charles H. Campbell, George M. Frownfelter, Nelson E. Cleaver, Morris E. Swartz, Charles McClean-Barnitz.

The notices were given and the conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Warren.

AFTERNOON ANNIVERSARIES.

The anniversary exercises of the Sunday School Union and Tract society began at 2 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal church. Dr. Hulbert, corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract society, was introduced and spoke appropriately to the subject.

The Preacher's Aid Society held an anniversary at 3 o'clock, Rev. Thompson Mitchell presiding. The first address was by Rowland B. Swope,, of Williamsport.

At the close of this excellent address Dr. Mitchell took occasion to say that this society, to care for the better support of the worn out preachers, was born in the head and heart of the noble laymen of Baltimore.

Rev. J. Benson Hamilton was the next speaker.

At 8 o'clock Rev. Dr. A. P. Palmer, of New York, delivered his celebrated lecture on "The Die No Mores."

SATURDAY MORNING.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Buckley. Bishop Warren took the chair at 9 o'clock and the minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

Dr. George Edward Reed, president of Dickinson college, submitted his annual report, from which it is learned that the institution is in a flourishing condition. Dr. Reed suggests the advisability of appointing "a committee to confer, during the year, with the authorities of both Williamsport seminary and Dickinson college and report a plan to the ensuing conference for a systematic effort to raise the sum of $200,000 for the better endowment and equipment of the two schools of learning located within the bounds of the conference."

The following paper was received and laid on the table till Monday:

The committee on constitutional prohibition report.

First. We adopt, with slight modifications, the language of the New England conference of our church.

WHEREAS, According to the testimony from many sources, it is our opinion that the two chief political parties of the country are in practical complicity with the liquor traffic, and the allegation is sustained by the fact that they are largely dependent on the liquor vote, and the rum sellers occupy positions of influence in the councils of these parties, and that they persistently refuse to make that liquor traffic illegal, therefore

Resolved, That as Christian ministers and citizens we repudiate these parties as false to political morality and unworthy of the votes of those who pray to God for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we favor constitutional prohibition, both national and state.

Resolved, That we hereby enter our most solemn protest against any connected with the Methodist church signing license applications, acting as attorneys in behalf of license applications, or in any form giving aid in securing the same.

Resolved, That at some time during our next annual conference session a meeting be held in behalf of constitutional prohibition.

The committee to whom was referred the question of sustentation of superannuates made a report favoring the plan of the veteran ministers' relief association.

Revs. J. H. Dougherty, E. L. Earp, John Hollins and William H. Closson were elected to local deacon's orders.

Rev. William R. Owens was elected to local elder's orders.

The class having completed the third year's course of study was advanced to the class of the fourth year. The following compose the class: Revs. George M. Glenn, John W. Glover, William J. Sheaffer, Henry Treverton, Frank W. Leidy, Edwin L. Eslinger, Alfred L. Miller, Jacob H. Deibel, Geo. L. Comp, Charles W. Rishell.

The class completing the conference course of study are Revs. John C. Young, Henry A. Straub, Richard Brooks, Isaiah J. Resser, John S. Souser, Thomas A. Elliott. They were all excused from the course of study and Revs. Stault, Glenn, Brooks, Reeser and Souser elected to elder's orders.

The class on probation for the second year was called forward and addressed by the bishop before being received into full membership. The following is the class: William P. Eveland, Charles W. Karns, George W. Faus, Ralph W. Illingsworth, Elmer E. Harter, Samuel Fox, Robert M. Snyder. The usual questions were propounded, which being answered satisfactorily, the class was admitted into full membership, and the following elected to deacon's orders: Rev. George Faus, Rev. Chas. W. Karns, Rev. Samuel Fox, Rev. Robert Snyder.

The question of where shall the next conference be held was taken up. Invitations were received from Tyrone, Altoona and Harrisburg. The conference accepted the invitation to Fifth street church, Harrisburg. A subscription was taken for the American university amounting to $7,262. The notices were given and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Warren.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

The meeting at 2 o'clock was presided over by Dr. E. J. Gray and was in the interests of the Women's Foreign Missionary society. The financial report read revealed the following as the contributions for the year by districts: Harrisburg, $920; Williamsport, $802; Altoona, $786; Juniata, $630, an advance of $529 over last year.

The sum of $4,500 is apportioned for this year. Miss Fannie E. Sparks a returned missionary from India, where she had been for twenty years, spoke in a very interesting way, giving an account of the progress being made by their society in carrying the Gospel to those who do not have it.

At 7 o'clock the church extension anniversary was presided over by Rev. J. B. Polsgrove. Addresses were delivered by W. L. Woodcock, Esq., of Altoona, and Rev. A. J. Kynett, corresponding secretary.

SUNDAY.

The Methodists held their conference love feast at 9 o'clock this morning, conducted by Rev. M. L. Smyser. Ex-Governor Curtin was in attendance and was given a seat upon the platform. The following young men were ordained deacons by Bishop Warren: George Faus, C. W. Karns, Samuel Fox, Robert Snyder, J. H. Daugherty, E. L. Earp, John Hollins and William H. Closson. The bishop announced his text as Ephesians iii:14, from which he preached a scholarly, exegitical and eminently practical sermon.

The missionary sermon was preached in the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock by Rev. I. N. Moorhead. Following the sermon Bishop Warren, assisted by several elders, ordained as elders Revs. Straub, Glenn, Brooks, Reese, Sauser and Owens. At the same hour a temperance meeting was held in the court house, the principal address being delivered by Rev. A. J. Kynett, of Philadelphia.

At 4:30 a Pentecostal service was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, conducted by Rev. B. C. Connor.

The missionary anniversary was held at 7:30, the speakers being Rev. T. J. Leak, D. D., of Harrisburg, and C. C. McCabe, D. D., the missionary secretary. The conference treasurer read the following report as the contributions for the past year: Altoona district, $9,746, increase, $1,054; Danville district, $9,205, decrease, $45; Harrisburg district, $9,573, increase, $843; Juniata district, $5,461, increase, $286; Williamsport district, $8,765, increase, $515.

MONDAY MORNING.

Rev. Richard Hinkle conducted the devotional services at the opening of the conference this morning.

The board of stewards presented their first report.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our thanks are due and hereby tendered to Mrs. C. G. Jackson, of Berwick, Pa., for her special gift of $250 for the relief of our conference claimants.

The committee on tracts submitted an interesting report.

The special committee appointed to consider the case of Rev. J. H. Nelson, now in prison in Para, Brazil, reported favoring the appointment of a committee to call upon President Cleveland and present the case to him. Revs. M. L. Ganoe, George Leidy, and D. S. Monroe and Thomas H. Murray and M. W. Jackson were appointed.

It having been rumored that some of the younger brethren have returned to the use of tobacco, a resolution was adopted calling on them to explain.

Committees on Woman's Foreign Missionary society and on education submitted their reports.

The conference went into executive session for the reception of candidates on trial. Rev. Mr. Morgan, Rev. W. W. Cadle, George F. Boggs, Rev. E. A. Pyle, Rev. Elliot Latshaw were brought forward, and after due examination were received on trial.

Rev. Charles Wesley Wasson, of the United Brethren church, was received into full membership and his credentials recognized, and he was excused from the course of study. The same action was taken in the case of Rev. R. W. Runyan, of the Evangelical church.

The following committees were appointed: Auditing committee, A. J. Lamberson, J. K. Knisley, B. H. Mosser, J. H. McCord, W. V. Ganoe.

Veteran's relief: S. W. Sears, J. B. Polsgrove, A. E. Taylor, M. L. Smyser, J. B. Shaver.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The services were given up to the memory of those who have died during the year. Three ministers have fallen—Rev. George W. Bouse, Rev. A. M. Kester, and Rev. W. L. Spottswood.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock.

The conference room was crowded long before the hour for opening had arrived. Rev. James Norris, D. D., secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible society, delivered a fine address upon the work his society is doing in spreading the Holy Scriptures.

Conference adjourned to meet at 8:30 Tuesday morning, when the appointments were read.

For list of appointments see local page.

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